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Recreational navigation

Catalogue of questions for testing recreational boaters' knowledge of the European Code for Inland Waterways

Note by the secretariat*

Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the Proposed Programme Budget for 2022, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe, Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/76/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.76).
2. At its fourth, fifth and sixth meetings, the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation (the Group) prepared a general proposal for the catalogue of questions of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) for testing recreational boaters' knowledge of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) that could be used as the basis for a theoretical examination for the issue of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC) in accordance with resolution No. 40.
3. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) is invited to consider the proposal as contained in the annex to this document and provide guidance to the Group. In particular, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to agree the examination procedure as proposed in chapter III of the draft catalogue of questions.

* The present document was submitted after the deadline in order to reflect the most recent information.

Annex

Proposal for the catalogue of questions of the Economic Commission for Europe for testing recreational boaters' knowledge of the European Code for Inland Waterways

I. General

1. For the issue of an International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC), the applicant must have the necessary competence for pleasure craft operation. For the issue of an ICC valid for inland waters, the competence shall include, among other subjects, the sufficient knowledge of the traffic regulations applicable on inland waters, in particular European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI). This knowledge shall be proved by passing an examination.
2. The Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) has drawn up a catalogue of questions for testing recreational boaters' knowledge of CEVNI. These questions are based on the sixth revision of CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.6) and have to be updated in case the present CEVNI revision is replaced with a new one.
3. Implementing governments which do not apply CEVNI on their territory and wish to issue ICC valid for inland waters, may choose multiple-choice questions from the catalogue for a theoretical examination, or develop or update their own tests of the CEVNI knowledge based on the catalogue.
4. It is recommended that candidates who fail the examination shall be informed of the reasons why they failed.
5. The competent authorities are invited to inform SC.3 of questions that are obviously confusing or doubts as to the accuracy of the answers provided.
6. The catalogue of questions is available in English, French and Russian.
7. Detailed information about regional and national special requirements deviating from CEVNI can be found in chapter 9 of CEVNI, chapter 14 of SIGNI and in the publication "Implementation of CEVNI Revision 5" (ECE/TRANS/266).

II. Proposed structure of the catalogue and numbering of examination questions

8. The numbering of the questions in the catalogue is independent of the language version, continuous and straightforward.
9. To facilitate electronic data processing procedures, it is proposed to organize the question numbers as a series of digits indicating the applicable revision of CEVNI, the module and the question number.
10. The proposed structure of the catalogue is shown in the table below.

<i>Module</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions:</i>	
		<i>In the module</i>	<i>In the test</i>
Background	Purpose and scope of CEVNI	3	1
General provisions		6	2
Visual signals and marks on vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marking for motorized vessels proceeding alone • Marking for convoys and side-by-side formations under way • Marking for sailing vessels and small craft • Additional marking for vessels carrying out certain transport operations involving dangerous substances and vessels authorized to carry more than 20 passengers with a hull length of less than 20 m • Marking for ferry-boats • Marking for vessels enjoying priority of passage, vessels unable to manoeuvre, whose ability to manoeuvre is limited, vessels engaged in fishing and underwater diving • Marking for vessels, assemblies of floating material and floating establishments when stationary, nets or poles of stationary vessels engaged in fishing, anchors that may be a danger to navigation • Marking for floating equipment at work and grounded or sunken vessels • Additional marking for vessels of the supervising authorities, fire-fighting and rescue vessels, vessels under way carrying out work in the waterway and vessels on pilotage service 	9	3
Sound signals; distress signals; radiotelephony; information and navigation devices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound signals • Distress signals • Radiotelephony, information and navigation devices 	9	3
Waterway signs ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prohibitory signs: general provisions • Prohibitory signs for particular types of vessels • Mandatory signs on sections where the course to be followed is prescribed • Mandatory signs for entering and leaving harbours and tributary waterways followed by crossing the waterway; stop when approaching movable bridges and lock basins; advance signs and signals, informative signs for tributary waterways • Restrictive signs • Recommendaratory signs when the entry is permitted 	18	6

¹ Could be combined with modules “Rules of the road” and “Berthing rules”.

<i>Module</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Number of questions:</i>	
		<i>In the module</i>	<i>In the test</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informative signs: approaching overhead cable crossings, weirs, ferry-boats • Informative signs: berthing 		
Buoyage and marking of the waterway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buoyage of waterway limits • Bank marks • Danger points and obstacles • Marking by radar • Buoyage and marking of lakes and broad waterways • Marking of prohibited or restricted areas • Entrances to harbours 	18	6
Rules of the road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • Meeting, crossing and overtaking • Other rules of the road • Sections where the course to be followed is prescribed • Turning • Entering and leaving harbours and tributary waterways followed by crossing the waterway • Trailing of anchors, cables or chains • Wash • Suspension of navigation • Passage near floating equipment at work, grounded or sunken vessels and vessels whose ability to manoeuvre is limited • Passage under bridges and through weirs and locks 	9	3
Berthing rules		9	3
Signalling, reporting and safety requirements		7	2
Prevention of pollution of water and disposal of waste generated on board vessels		2	1
Total		90	30

III. Examinations

11. The possible answers may be submitted in an order different from the one used in the catalogue of questions.
 12. It is recommended that the examination:²
 - Comprises of 30 multiple-choice questions and no substantive questions,
 - Lasts [60 minutes],
 - Shall be considered as passed if [at least 25]³ of the 30 questions have been answered correctly.
 13. It is recommended that during the examination, candidates [may/may not] consult the texts of CEVNI or the police regulations based on these regulations.
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² SC.3/WP.3 may wish to decide on the text within the square brackets.

³ Could be 27 out of 30.