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##### **Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation: European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 6)**

## **Proposals for amendments to the sixth revised edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways on the basis of the recent updates to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine**

### **Transmitted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine**

### **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), paragraph 20.76).
2. The secretariat presents in this document recent updates of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR), transmitted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR), adopted at its autumn 2021 session (annex). These updates may serve as the basis for proposals for amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), revision 6.
3. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to propose that the CEVNI Expert Group consider these updates.



## Annex

### **Recent amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine\***

#### **A. Final amendment of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) – Determination of the blood alcohol limit applicable to the entire minimum crew on duty (RPNR, art. 1.03 (4)) (resolution 2021-II-14)**

Article 1.03 (4) reads as follows:

##### **“Article 1.03**

*Duties of crew and other persons on board*

...

“4. The faculties of members of the minimum crew on duty and other persons on board prescribed by the Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel shall not be impaired by excessive fatigue, by the effects of alcohol, medication or drugs, or for any other reason.

When the blood alcohol content reaches 0.5 ‰ or higher or when the level of alcohol absorption corresponds to such a blood alcohol content or an equivalent breath alcohol content, the members of the minimum crew on duty are prohibited from performing their duties.

Sentences 1 and 2 above apply by analogy to other persons on board who temporarily determine the course and speed of the vessel themselves.”

#### **B. Final amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) to ensure consistency in article 3.02 on lights (resolution 2021-II-15)**

1. The contents are amended as follows:

(a) The information relating to article 3.02 reads as follows:

“3.02 Lights”;

(b) The information relating to article 3.28 (only the German version is affected).

2. Article 3.02 reads as follows:

##### **“Article 3.02**

*Lights*

1. Unless otherwise provided, the lights must be visible from all directions and show a continuous and uniform beam.

2. Navigation lights, their casings and accessories must meet the requirements of article 7.05 (1) of ES-TRIN.<sup>1</sup>

3. Lights shall comply with the requirements of this regulation as to horizontal dispersion, colour and intensity.

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\* The amendments will enter into force on 1 December 2022.

<sup>1</sup> Note by the secretariat: European standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels.

4. The night marking for stationary non-motorized vessels does not have to meet the requirements in paragraphs 2 and 3 above; however, in good visibility and against a dark background, it shall have a range of about 1,000 m.”

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