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Items 2 and 3 of the provisional agenda

I. Proposal by the delegation of the Netherlands in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/11/ADD.1

Additional information

1. During its thirty-sixth session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) considered a proposal by the delegation of the Netherlands to amend the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) with a new sign, indicating the availability of shore-based electrical power supply systems (Doc. Inf. 1).

2. The Working Party found the proposal by the Netherlands interesting and worth being studied for possible introduction into both SIGNI and CEVNI and invited the delegation of the Netherlands to transmit additional explanations as to the real need of presenting two signs as indicated in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/11/Add.1 (with and without panel reflecting power supply parameters).

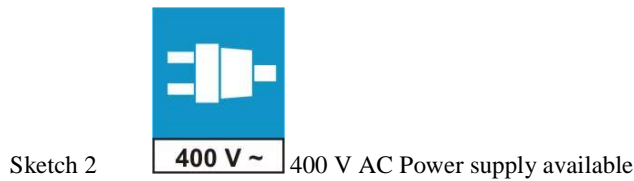
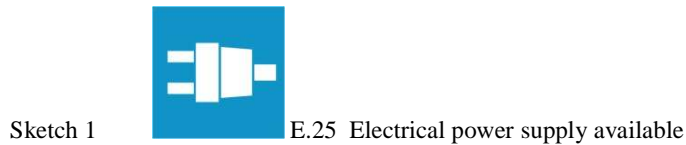
Comments

3. In SIGNI chapters dealing with signs, there is a clear hierarchy of signs:

- Prohibitory signs (chapter 5.1, Section A)
- Mandatory signs (chapter 5.1, Section B)
- Restrictive signs (chapter 5.1, Section C)
- Recommendatory signs (chapter 5.1, Section D)
- Informative signs (chapter 5.1, Section E), and finally
- Auxiliary signs (chapter 5.2)

4. The sign to be added is an informative sign, hence, the proposed number is E.25. (sketch 1 below). However, this sign can be supplemented with an auxiliary sign indicating the type of voltage available (as shown in sketch 2 below).

5. Chapter 5.2.4. of SIGNI deals with panels giving explanations or additional information to signs. So far, there is no description of an informative sign bearing an auxiliary sign in this chapter. All the signs in 5.2.4. are of the prohibitory or mandatory types. It is proposed, therefore, to add an example of an informative sign with a panel giving explanations or additional information (see sketch 2 below).



Harmonisation between SIGNI and CEVNI

6. In addition to the amendment SIGNI, the delegation of the Netherlands would like to submit a proposal for amendment of the European Code for Inland waterways (CEVNI) in order to harmonise the two instruments. Following the method described above, the following amendments to CEVNI are proposed:

II. Proposed Amendments to CEVNI

Amendments to Annex 7, "Waterway Signs and Marking":

(a) at the end of Section I, E "INFORMATIVE SIGNS", add:

E.25 Electrical power supply available



(b) at the end of Section II, paragraph 4 "Panels giving explanations or additional information", add:



400 V AC Power supply available