

MINUTES OF THE 4th MEETING OF THE GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

The fourth meeting of the Group of Volunteers was held on from 18 to 20 April 2011 in Brussels.

The following experts took part in the meeting:

Mr. Peter Claeysens, Federale Overheidsdienst Mobiliteit en Vervoer, Belgium (19.04)

Mr. Kees Metselaar, European Commission, DG MOVE, Belgium (19 and 20.04)

Mr. Eise Mulder, European Commission, DG MOVE, Belgium (18 and 20.04)

Mr. Valery Ogarkov, Russian River Register, the Russian Federation

Mrs. Victoria Ivanova, Russian River Register, the Russian Federation

Mr. Willem Zondag, Consultant, the Netherlands

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Willem Zondag.

From the following persons information was received that they could not participate in the meeting: Mr. Bone (UK), Mr. Jarosz (PL) and Mr. Milcovic (SAVA Commission).

The members of the Group were welcomed by Mr. F. Karamitsos, Director of Directorate C, Maritime Transport of DG MOVE of the European Commission.

The group adopted the following agenda which is attached.

2. Report of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation on its thirty-eighth session

Document : ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76 (Section VIII)

Due to a lack of time the group could not pay attention to document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76, outcome of 38th session of Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation.

3. Chapter 20B Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels

Working paper: Chapter 20B third draft 09.04.2011

The group discussed and finalized the 3rd draft of Chapter 20B in the version of 09.04.2011, which was prepared by the Russian Federation. As regards to EU legislation, some aspects should be further looked into.

4. Chapter 1-2, Definitions

Working paper: Chapter 1-2, Definitions draft proposal 16.04.2011

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/16, and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/16/Add.1

The group discussed and finalized the draft proposal for a revised Chapter 1-2, Definitions, which was prepared by Mr. Zondag on the basis of the proposals and comments which were submitted to the secretariat of the UNECE. In view of the fact that in the Russian language the direct translation of the term “lighter” differs from the type of vessels which is meant in the definition, and the official translation of Directive 2006/87 in Russian does not exist, the Group came to the opinion that in the Russian version of Resolution 61 for this specific type of vessels the respective

synonymous Russian term could be used. The group also could agree to the proposed amendments of a number of relevant sections of Resolution 61 and Appendix II, Model Ship's Certificate, which should be amended as a result of the modified definitions as proposed.

5. Chapter 6, Steering gear

Working paper: Chapter 6 Draft proposal 20-9-2012

The group discussed and agreed the draft amendment of Chapter 6 as presented in the working paper. The group points out that it could not follow the wording of Article 6.06(1) of Directive 2006/87/EC in the EN version, but consulted other language versions of the Directive.

6. Future work

Reference document: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76

The following items will be included into the agenda of the 5th meeting:

- Chapter 17, "Specific requirements applicable to floating equipment" to be prepared by Mr. Zondag;
- Chapter 18, "Specific requirements applicable to worksite craft" to be prepared by Mr. Zondag;
- Coupling devices, to be prepared by Mr. Orgakov and Lobastov;
- Requirements for lifejackets for children (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/76 (VII)(30)).

7. Next meeting

The Group decided to hold its next meeting in September 2011 in Budapest. The exact date will be forwarded to the members of the Group.

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8. The Group expressed its gratitude to the Federale Overheidsdienst Mobiliteit en Vervoer Maritiem Vervoer, and the Directorate C of DG Move of the European Commission for the organisation and hosting of the 4th meeting.

Brussels, 20 April 2011

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8. Adoption of the minutes of the 4th meeting

NB: The minutes of the 3rd meeting have been adopted, but go attached with the documents for the 4th meeting
