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Current situation and trends in inland water transport

**Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC**

**Transmitted by the European Commission**

New Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC has been published 16 September 2016 and has entered into force 7 October 2016.

The new Technical Directive repeals and replaces Directive 2006/87/EC as from 7 October 2018 and Member States have until this date to transpose the Directive into their national laws and regulations. Until 6 October 2018 the Directive 2006/87 is still valid.

The new Directive laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels ensures that all vessels under its scope carry certificates issued by competent authorities in the MS attesting their compliance with identical technical requirements for the whole of the Union's inland waterways. The purpose of these requirements is to ensure safety of navigation and a level playing field.

These requirements are based upon technical standards updated regularly by the European Committee for drawing up Standards in Inland Navigation (CESNI) established under the auspices of the Central Commission of the Navigation on the Rhine.

CESNI has been established to facilitate harmonisation of technical standards applied in the inland waterway sector across Europe and is open to experts from all Member States

The new Directive renders the CESNI technical standard (called ES-TRIN) legally binding under EU law by means of delegated acts.

The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated to modify the list of waterways in Annex I, to rule on the use of the EHDB and to adapt the annexes of the Directive comprising reference to the technical standards (ES-TRIN) and detailed procedural rules.

The Commission is empowered to adopt implementing acts to recognise classification societies and to allow derogations from the technical requirements.