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Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:

Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revision 2)

European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways

Note by the secretariat

Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 5: Inland Waterway Transport, paragraph (a) 5.2 of the Transport subprogramme of work 2018-2019 (ECE/TRANS/2018/21/Add.1) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its eightieth session (23 February 2018).
2. At its fifty-third session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) finalized and preliminarily approved the revised draft of the Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) and asked the secretariat to transmit it to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) for final adoption.
3. SC.3 may wish to adopt a resolution and an annex, entitled “SIGNI: European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways”, that will replace the text of SIGNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2) and the Guidelines for Waterways Signs and Marking (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.2). The finalized text was prepared on the basis of ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/14 and the decisions of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-first, fifty-second and fifty-third sessions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, para. 30, and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/104, paras. 41-42). It is reproduced in English, French and Russian in Informal documents SC.3 Nos. 2 and 3 (2018).

Annex

Draft resolution of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

Resolution No. ...

(adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on ...)

The Working Party on Inland Water Transport,

Desirous, in the interest of safety of navigation, of establishing rules for waterway signs and marking harmonized with the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), as well as regulations for their installation and visualization,

Having regard to its resolution No. 22, SIGNI: Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways, as amended by resolutions Nos. 29, 51 and 67 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2),

Having regard also to its resolution No. 59, containing in its annex the Guidelines for Waterway Signs and Marking, as amended by resolutions Nos. 75 and 85 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.2),

Considering its resolution No. 24, concerning the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), as amended by resolutions Nos. 26, 27, 37, 39, 43-47, 54, 62, 66 and 81 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5),

Noting that, through the application of the recommendations of these resolutions by Governments and River Commissions, the corresponding regulations in force on European inland waterways have to a large extent been harmonized,

Acknowledging the desirability, for safety of navigation, of maintaining a system of signs and signals on inland waterways harmonized with the maritime system of buoyage,

Recognizing the role of modern technologies and innovations in ensuring navigation safety and their impact on the regulations in force,

Bearing in mind the reports of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation on its fifty-first, fifty-second and fifty-third sessions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/102, para. 30, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/104, paras. 31-32, and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/..., paras. ...),

1. *Decides* to replace the text of SIGNI, as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2, and the Guidelines for Waterways Signs and Marking, as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/169/Rev.2, by the annex to this resolution, entitled "SIGNI: European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways", which is reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/...,

2. *Decides* to replace resolution No. 22, revision 2, resolution No. 59, revision 2, as well as resolutions Nos. 29, 51, 67, 75 and 85 by this resolution,

3. *Invites* Governments and River Commissions to inform the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe whether they implement this resolution,

4. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to place the question of the application of this resolution periodically on the agenda of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.