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Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

Fifty-fourth session

Geneva, 13–15 February 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-fourth session* **

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
13 February 2019

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Outcome of the sixty-second session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the ECE Sustainable Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2019.html. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

** Delegates are requested to register online at the following address: <https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=aR7KFh>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the UNOG Security and Safety Section, located at the Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix). In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 917 2432) or by email (sc.3@un.org). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, see website www.unece.org/meetings/practical.html.

4. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) Workshop "Education standards and professional requirements in inland navigation";
 - (b) Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster's Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (resolution No. 31, revised).
5. Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference "Connecting by Inland Navigation".
6. Inland waterways infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
 - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book);
 - (c) Map of the European Inland Waterway Network (resolution No. 30).
7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5);
 - (b) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised);
 - (c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2).
8. Automation in inland navigation and smart shipping.
9. Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
 - (a) Outcome of the RIS Week (3–7 December 2018, Vienna);
 - (b) Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (resolution No. 48, revision 3);
 - (c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services;
 - (d) Danube Information Services Conference.
10. Terms and definitions in inland water transport.
11. Inland waterway statistics.
12. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, fourth revision);
 - (b) Questionnaire on education and training for operators of pleasure craft;
 - (c) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (resolution No. 52, revision 2).
13. Theme topic for the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party.
14. Other business.
15. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) may wish to adopt the agenda of its fifty-fourth session on the basis of the provisional agenda, supplemented by the list of working and informal documents as set out in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2019).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/107, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2019)

2. Election of officers

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for its fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions.

3. Outcome of the sixty-second session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its sixty-second session (3–5 October 2018).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207

4. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation

(a) Workshop "Education standards and professional requirements in inland navigation"

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 95), the Working Party is invited to take part in the workshop on education standards and professional requirements in inland navigation. It will be dedicated to recent developments and programmes, amendments in the regulatory framework, sharing best practice, addressing new challenges and related issues.

Participants are invited to take part in the round table discussions on how to make the profession more attractive, the role of the Economic Commission for Europe and issues for further consideration.

(b) Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster's Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (resolution No. 31, revised)

Based on the workshop discussions and issues for further consideration, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the present status and possible updating of the Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster's Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (resolution No. 31, revised).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184

5. Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”

The Working Party will be informed about the status of the draft resolution of the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) prepared by SC.3 and transmitted to its eighty-first session for adoption (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 15). The Working Party will be also informed about the progress in the number of signatories to the declaration.

The Working Party may wish to note that the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe that was endorsed by ITC in 2011 might need a revision, and decide to start work on an update.

The Working Party may wish to propose other actions as a follow-up to the declaration.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2019/15

6. Inland waterways infrastructure

(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance

The Working Party may wish to note that the updated text of AGN is available on the SC.3 web page.

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about progress in the implementation of AGN.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

(b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book)

The Working Party may wish to note that addendum 1 to the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book) was adopted by SC.3 at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 21) and is available on the SC.3 web page.

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the conference “Visions and opportunities for the transport network. Inland Navigation and River-Sea Shipping in the Baltic Sea Region” held on 6 November 2018 in Brussels that was dedicated to the project EMMA.

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3/Amend.1

(c) Map of the European Inland Waterway Network (resolution No. 30)

The Working Party may wish to note that, following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, paras. 25–26), the updated map of the European Inland Waterway Network in accordance with resolution No. 30 is available on the SC.3 web page.

7. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation**(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5)**

The Working Party will be informed about the adoption of amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI), revision 5, at the sixty-second session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 28), which are available on the SC.3 web page as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5/Amend.2.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider and approve the draft amendments to CEVNI proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its twenty-ninth meeting (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/1).

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the thirtieth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group to be held in the first half of February 2019.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine adopted by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) in 2018 at its spring session, and provide guidance for the CEVNI Expert Group (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/9).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amends.1–2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/1 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/9

(b) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised)

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-second session about revising the provisions of resolution No. 21 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, paras. 41–42), the Working Party may wish to start discussion on this subject based on recent information about the current situation and national legislation in the sphere of prevention of pollution from river vessels, taking into account the information in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/2 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/10. The Working Party may further wish to consider the proposal of Romania (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/3).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179, TRANS/SC.3/150, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/3 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/10

(c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2)

The Working Party may wish to note that SC.3 at its sixty-second session adopted the second revision of resolution No. 61 as resolution No. 91 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2).

Following its decision at its fifty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/106, para. 36), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider and preliminarily adopt the draft Chapter 8C, “Special provisions applicable to craft equipped with propulsion or auxiliary systems operating on fuels with a flashpoint equal to or lower than 55°C” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/4).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on aligning the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2017, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/5 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/6.

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the preparation of the Russian translation of the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2017.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/8,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/5 and
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/6

8. Automation in inland navigation and smart shipping

The Working Party may wish to take note of the adoption by CCNR of the definitions and classification of automation levels for river vessels and may wish to provide guidance for the secretariat on further steps.

The Working Party may wish to note that the policy oriented segment to be held at the eighty-first session of the Inland Transport Committee will be dedicated to automation in transport.

Participants are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about recent developments in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2019/16

9. Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation

(a) Outcome of the RIS Week (3–7 December 2018, Vienna)

The Working Party will be informed about the main outcome of the River Information Services (RIS) Week held from 3 to 7 December 2018, Vienna.

(b) Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (resolution No. 48, revision 3)

The Working Party may wish to start discussion on updating resolution No. 48, revision 3, “Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation”, based on the proposal contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/7.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/7

(c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services

The Working Party will be informed about the current status and updates to the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (resolution No. 57), the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (resolution No. 63), the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 79) and the International Standard for Notices to Skippers (resolution No. 80) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/166/Rev.3,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6/Rev.1

(d) Danube Information Services Conference

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the Danube Information Services Conference (DISC'18) held on 12 and 13 December 2018 in Bratislava.

10. Terms and definitions in inland water transport

Following the decision of SC.3 to start work on a glossary of terms in inland water transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 92), the Working Party may wish to consider the proposal prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/8) and decide on the next steps.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/15–ECE/TRANS/WP.5/2018/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/8,
Informal document SC.3 No. 18 (2018)

11. Inland waterway statistics

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-second session to include an E-Inland Waterway traffic census in the agenda of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 87), the Working Party may wish to take note of the ongoing work by the secretariat on this issue and provide guidance.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/14

12. Recreational navigation

(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision)

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposal for a road map on implementing resolution No. 40, International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC) to assist countries that wish to accept resolution No. 40, which was prepared by the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation, and decide as appropriate.

Member States are invited to provide updates, if any, on the application and recognition of ICC, the terms and limitations imposed by governments when issuing ICC, including restrictions on the size or type of boat, and related issues.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/11

(b) Questionnaire on education and training for operators of pleasure craft

At its third meeting held from 1 to 2 October 2018 in Geneva, the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation prepared a draft questionnaire on the application of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC), education and training for operators of pleasure craft with a view to identifying common practices and using this information in its further work. It is proposed that this questionnaire should be addressed to national governments, giving the option for them to nominate a national organization overseeing training on their behalf to respond for them if they wish.

The Working Party may wish to consider and approve the draft questionnaire presented in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/11. SC.3/WP.3 may also wish to determine the list of member States whom this questionnaire should be addressed to, and complete it with countries outside the ECE region.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/11

(c) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (Resolution No. 52, revision 2)

The Working Party will be informed that the second revision of resolution No. 52, adopted by SC.3 at its sixty-second session as resolution No. 92 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 85), and the updated map of the European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (AGNP) are available on the SC.3 web page.

The participants are invited to provide further updates to AGNP, if any.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/164/Rev.2

13. Theme topic for the fifty-fifth session of the Working Party

The Working Party may wish to decide on a theme topic for its fifty-fifth session. The topics that could be discussed under this theme are:

- Encouraging the realization of a modern fleet and fostering innovations
- Building an inland waterway infrastructure that is resilient to climate change
- Inland water transport and sustainable cities.

Furthermore, the Working Party should focus on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

14. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

15. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its fifty-fourth session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 13 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–4
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 4
Thursday, 14 February	9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 5–6
	2.30–5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 7–10
Friday, 15 February	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 11–14
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 15
