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##### **Recreational navigation**

### **Acceptance of Resolution No. 40 by Belgium**

#### **Submitted by Belgium**

*Note by the secretariat*

Presented below is the communication from Belgium informing the secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) of the acceptance by Belgium of Resolution No. 40 on “International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.1).

The Working Party may wish to reflect this information on the amendment proposals to the annex IV of the resolution, proposed in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/13, para. 3. The Working Party may also wish to take this information into account when considering the annual report by the secretariat on the application of UNECE resolutions relating to inland navigation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/12).

The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations Office and specialized institutions in Geneva has the honour to inform the secretariat of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) that, in accordance with paragraph 2 (b) of Resolution No. 40 on International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (ICC), the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium has implemented by its Royal Decree of 30 May 2011 the following provisions:

- (a) The General Directorate for Maritime Transport of the Public federal service on Mobility and Transport is competent for issuing ICC;
- (b) ICC is delivered in the credit card format, in accordance with the model certificate contained in annex 3 of the resolution;

(c) ICC will only be issued if the applicant provides one of the certificates of competence for navigation, listed in article 4 of the Royal Decree, for which the conditions set out in annex I of the resolution are stipulated;

(d) The formalities of the issuance of ICC are set out in articles 4–6 of the Royal Decree;

(e) An ICC delivered by the foreign competent authorities in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 40 is valid on the inland waterways of Belgium, i.e. public waters destined or used for navigation which are not part of the coastal waters.

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