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Inland European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revised): Amendments to chapters 1–8 and annexes 1–8

Proposed amendments aimed at harmonizing the provisions of CEVNI with RPNR

Transmitted by Belgium

Article 1.22 (Temporary prescriptions)

1. Within the harmonization exercise of CEVNI and the RPNR, an extra paragraph similar to the one in the RPNR is suggested in art. 1.22 (temporary prescriptions). This contains the motivation for those temporary prescriptions (notices to skippers) and also the restrictions which they can impose.

“Ces prescriptions peuvent notamment être motivées par des travaux exécutés sur la voie navigable, des exercices militaires, des manifestations publiques dans le sens de l'article 1.23 ou par les conditions de la voie d'eau ; elles peuvent, sur des sections déterminées où des précautions particulières sont nécessaires et qui sont signalées par des bouées, balises ou autres signaux ou par des avertisseurs, interdire la navigation de nuit ou le passage de bateaux d'un trop grand tirant d'eau.”

2. It reads rather as a limitative scope that restricts the use of notices to skippers as regards both the motivation and possible restrictions to impose to shipping. For example, a total blockage of vessel traffic is not added.

3. Belgium suggests not to add the proposed 2nd paragraph under art. 1.22 of CEVNI or to mention that it is not an exhaustive list.

Article 4.07 (Mandatory use of AIS)

4. Because there is no final suggestion for this article from the CCNR, we suggest to delay the adjustment of it in the CEVNI until there is a final proposal.

5. In the Flemish position concerning the mandatory use of AIS other options for the exclusion of law enforcement and inspection vessels are suggested like the masking of certain identification information and the non-mandatory use exclusively when doing inspections (when the vessel navigates in an ordinary way, AIS should be used).
