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Addition of the “large vessel” definition and impact on other CEVNI articles

Note by the secretariat


Article 1.01
(a) Add a new definition a) 2 bis reading
The term “large vessel” means any vessel other than a small craft.

and amend all the articles currently including exceptions for small craft, accordingly.

This document presents the consequences of this amendment on the articles where exceptions for small crafts are mentioned. The text presented in this document is the text of the articles amended with the amendments approved at the forty-fourth session of SC.3/WP.3.

The following articles may be also impacted, and the SC.3/WP.3 may decide whether to amend them or not: 1.11, 3.09, 3.11, 3.18, 4.01, 4.02, 4.06, 6.04, 6.05, 6.07, 6.10, 6.13, 6.16, 6.20, 6.32.

Article 1.10, Paragraphs 1 and 2

1. The following documents shall be available on board:
(a) Ship’s certificate;
(b) For large vessels, a measurement certificate if applicable;
(c) Crew list;
(d) For large vessels, a ship’s log;
(e) Boatmaster’s certificate or certificates belonging to boatmasters of the vessel and for other crew members a service record duly completed, and any other documents relating to navigation required under international conventions or agreements.
2. By derogation from paragraph 1 above, small craft are not required to carry the documents referred to in subparagraphs (b) and (d), moreover, in the case of small pleasure craft, the document referred to in subparagraph (c) is not required, and that referred to in subparagraph (a) may be replaced by a national navigation permit.

**ARTICLE 2.01, TITLE**

Article 2.01 - Identification marks on large vessels other than small craft and seagoing vessels

**ARTICLE 2.01, PARAGRAPH 1**

1. Every large vessel, except small craft and seagoing vessels, shall bear the following identification marks on its hull or on fixed boards or plates:

**ARTICLE 2.01, PARAGRAPH 2**

2. In addition, except for small craft only for large vessels,

**ARTICLE 2.03**

Every inland waterway cargo large vessel, except small craft, shall have its tonnage capacity measured.

**ARTICLE 2.04, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2**

1. All large vessels, except small craft, shall bear marks showing the maximum draught level. In the case of inland waterway vessels, the methods by which the maximum draught is determined and the conditions to be observed in affixing the draught marks shall be laid down in the rules concerning technical requirements which correspond to the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61). In the case of seagoing vessels, the summer fresh-water line shall serve in place of draught marks.

2. Every large vessel which may draw as much as 1 m of water except for small craft shall be provided with draught scales. In the case of inland waterway vessels, annex 2 to these regulations lays down the conditions to be observed in affixing the draught scales.

**ARTICLE 2.05, TITLE**

Article 2.05 - Identification marks on anchors of large vessels

**ARTICLE 2.05, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2**

1. The anchors of large vessels shall bear identification marks in indelible characters. If an anchor is used on another large vessel belonging to the same owner, the original marking may be kept.

2. The obligation contained in paragraph 1 shall not apply to the anchors of seagoing vessels or of small craft.

**ARTICLE 3.04, PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4**

3. For large vessels, the following minimal dimensions shall be met:
   (a) For cylinders, height 0.80 m and diameter 0.50 m;
   (b) For balls, diameter 0.60 m;
   (c) For cones, height 0.60 m and diameter at the base 0.60 m;
   (d) For bicones, height 0.80 m and diameter at the base 0.50 m.
4. Notwithstanding paragraph 3, for small craft, the use of signal body with smaller dimension is permitted, as long as these bodies are large enough to be easily visible.

ARTICLE 3.08

ARTICLE 3.08 – MARKING FOR MOTORIZED LARGE VESSELS PROCEEDING ALONE

1. Single motorized large vessels shall carry:
   By night:
   (a) A masthead light forward and in the axis of the vessel, at a height of not less than 5 m. The height may be reduced to 4 m, when the vessel does not exceed a length of 40 m;
   (b) Side lights, each placed at the same height and on the same perpendicular to the axis of the vessel, 1 m lower than the masthead light, at least 1 m abaft of it on the widest part of the vessel; they shall be screened inboard so that the green light cannot be seen from the port side and the red light cannot be seen from the starboard side;
   (c) A stern light, placed aft and in the axis of the vessel.

2. A single motorized large vessel more than 110 m long shall be required to carry by night at the stern a second masthead light placed in the axis of the vessel and at least 3 m higher than the forward light.

3. A single motorized large vessel temporarily preceded by night by an auxiliary motorized vessel shall continue to show the lights referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

4. In addition to the marking prescribed by other provisions of these regulations, high-speed vessels under way shall carry by day and by night:
   two strong yellow quick scintillating lights.

   These scintillating lights shall be placed one above the other about 1 m apart, in a suitable position and high enough to be visible from all directions.

5. The provisions of this article shall not apply to small craft or ferry-boats.

ARTICLE 3.12, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2

1. Sailing large vessels shall carry:
   By night:
   (a) The side lights prescribed in article 3.08, paragraph 1 (b); however these lights may be ordinary, instead of bright;
   (b) The stern light prescribed in article 3.08, paragraph 1 (c).

2. In addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph 1 of this article, a sailing large vessel may carry:
   By night:
   Two ordinary or bright lights one above the other, visible from all directions, the upper light being red and the lower green; these lights shall be in a suitable position

ARTICLE 3.12, PARAGRAPH 4

4. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article shall not apply to small craft. The provisions of paragraph 2 shall not apply to the vessels referred to in article 3.35.

ARTICLE 4.05, PARAGRAPH 2

2. Motorized large vessels, excluding small craft, may navigate only if they are equipped with a radiotelephone installation in proper working order for ship-to-ship, nautical information and ship-to-port-authority networks. When under way, the radiotelephone installation for the ship-to-ship and nautical information channels must be permanently
in a ready-to-transmit and ready-to-receive state. The channel allocated to nautical information may only be left for a short time in order to transmit or receive information on other channels.

The radiotelephone installation shall ensure that two of these networks are monitored simultaneously.

The ship station used in the radiotelephone service for inland waterways may consist of either separate equipment for each of the service categories or equipment for combinations of several of those.

ARTICLE 6.03 BIS, PARAGRAPH 1

1. When two large vessels are crossing in such manner that there is a risk of collision, the vessel which has the other vessel to starboard shall give way to it and, if circumstances permit, avoid crossing ahead of it. [However, the vessel which is on the starboard side of a marked fairway, shall maintain its course.] This rule shall not apply to small craft in relation to other vessels.

ARTICLE 6.03 BIS, PARAGRAPH 4

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraph 1 above, when, in the case of large vessels under sail, two large vessels are crossing in such a manner that there is a risk of collision, one of them shall give way to the other as follows:
   (a) When each vessel has the wind on a different side, the vessel with the wind on the port side shall give way to the other;
   (b) When both vessels have the wind on the same side, the vessel which is to windward shall give way to the vessel to leeward;
   (c) If a vessel which has the wind on the port side sees another vessel to windward and cannot determine with certainty whether the other vessel has the wind on the port or on the starboard side, the first shall give way to the other. [However, the vessel which is on the starboard side of the fairway shall maintain its course.] This paragraph shall not apply to small craft in relation to other vessels.

ARTICLE 10.07, PARAGRAPH 1

1. For Bunkering motorized large vessels, excluding small craft, must use bunker boats, bunker stations or tank trucks specially designated by the competent authorities.

1 The text “However, the vessel which is on the starboard side of a marked fairway, shall maintain its course.” has been removed in the amendment presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2014/16, paragraph 9.