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Inland waterways infrastructure:**Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”)****Revision of the Blue Book****Note by the secretariat****I. Mandate**

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 5: Inland Waterway Transport, paragraph 5.1 of the programme of work 2014–2015 (ECE/TRANS/2014/23) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee on 27 February 2014.
2. The Working Party on Inland Water Transport (hereafter SC.3) at its fifty-ninth session adopted its Programme of Work for 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201/Add.1). The Programme of Work included preparation and publication of the third revision of the Blue Book as the target 2016–2017 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201, para. 66). SC.3 invited Governments to submit their proposals on further amendments to the Blue Book to the forty-eighth session of Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (hereafter the Working Party, or SC.3/WP.3).
3. SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session also decided to complete the information on river-sea routes included in the AGN Agreement and asked Governments to submit the missing information on coastal routes relevant to inland navigation for inclusion in the AGN Agreement and the Blue Book (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201, para. 23).

II. Amendments to the Blue Book adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

4. Since the second revision of the Blue Book in 2011 several amendments have been adopted (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.2/Add.1–2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/4). The text of the second revision of the Blue Book, amended accordingly, was submitted by the secretariat to member States and River Commissions and is also available at www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2016.html.

5. The online Blue Book database has been updated by the secretariat and E ports are now displayed on the "view map" tab. The geographical position of E ports may not be always accurate as there are no geographical coordinates associated with the data presented in the Blue Book. Member States are invited to inform the secretariat about any E port location error. The online Blue Book database is available at www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/bluebook_database.html.

III. Coastal and Sea Vessels Routes

6. For the following coastal routes and routes where sea-going vessels are allowed, some of the navigational characteristics in Table 1 of the Blue Book are missing including:

- E 02 BOUDEWIJN CANAL Zeebrugge – Brugge: target values are not defined;
- E 13 EMS North Sea – Papenburg: target and present values are not defined;
- E 14 WESER North Sea – Bremen (Railway bridge): target and present values are not defined;
- E 15 EMS Ems Kanal – Papenburg: target and present values are not defined;
- E 15 HUNTE: target and present values are not defined;
- E 20 ELBE Lower Elbe: target and present values are not defined;
- E 21 TRAVE: target and present values are not defined;
- E 60 KIEL CANAL Brunsbüttel – Kiel – Holtenau: target and present values are not defined;
- E 60–02 GUADALQUIVIR From the mouth to Sevilla: admissible maximum length and width of vessels are not defined for both target and present values;
- E 60-06 GIRONDE AND GARONNE From the mouth to Bec d'Ambès/le Verdon: target and present values are not defined;
- E 60–08 LOIRE From Saint-Nazaire to Nantes: target and present values are not defined;
- E 60–01 MERSEY Waterway Limit – Eastham Locks: target and present values are defined only for admissible maximum draught of vessels;
- E 60–03 HUMBER up to Hull and Hull – Trent Falls: target and present values are not defined;
- E 60–03–03 MEDWAY Sheerness – Kings North: target and present values for the admissible maximum length and width of vessels are not defined;
- E 60–03–05 THAMES Canvey Point – Thames Barrier: admissible maximum length and width of vessels are not defined for both target and present values;

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- E 60-03-07 COLNE up to Rowhedge: admissible maximum width of vessels is not defined for both target and present values;
 - E 60-03-11 ORWELL up to Ipswich: admissible maximum width of vessels is not defined for both target and present values;
 - E 60-03-17 WELLAND The Wash – Fosdyke Bridge: admissible maximum width and draught of vessels are not defined for both target and present values;
 - E 60-03-21 TRENT Trent Falls – Keatby Bridge and Keatby Bridge – Gainsborough: admissible maximum length and width of vessels are not defined for both target and present values;
 - E 60-03-06 TYNE Mouth – Newcastle: admissible maximum length and width of vessels are not defined for both target and present values;
 - E 60-03-08 TEES Mouth – Middlesbrough: admissible maximum length and width of vessels are not defined for both target and present values;
 - E 60-05: OSLOFJORD: the length is subject to checking; target and present values are not defined;
 - E 60-14 Stralsund – Peenemünde – Wolgast – Szczecin: the length is subject to checking ; target and present values are not defined;
 - E 80 SEINE Tancarville – Rouen, E 80-02 SEINE Tancarville - Estuary: target and present values are not defined;
 - E 90 KORINTHOS CANAL: admissible maximum length of vessels and convoys and suitability for combined transport are not defined;
 - E 91 MILANO – PO CANAL: present values are not defined;
 - E 91 LAGUNA VENETA Porto Nogaro (Punta Sdobba) – Monfalcone – Trieste: target and present values are not defined;
 - E 91-03-02 PO – MANTOVA – ADRIATIC SEA CANAL via S. Leone link – admissible maximum draught of vessels and suitability for combined transport are not defined;
 - E 91-05 PADOVA – VENEZIA CANAL: present values are not defined.
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