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## **Working Party on Inland Water Transport**

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

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#### **Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) as well as other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation: International Standards for Notices to Skippers and for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolutions Nos. 79 and 80)**

## **River Information Services: Further amendments to UNECE Resolution No. 80**

### **Note by the secretariat**

On the basis of the consultations held with the Chair of the NtS International Expert Group and the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine it is proposed to amend the text of paragraphs 4.2 and 5.7.2 of the draft amendments to the International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (annex to Resolution No. 80) reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6/Rev.1 as follows.

#### 4.2 Amendment of the NtS Reference Tables

If a proposal for amendment of the NtS Reference Tables is approved by the NtS Expert Group, the chairperson of the NtS Expert Group shall submit the required changes to the ERDMS at <http://risdatamanagement.ris.eu> in order to ensure availability of the latest NtS Reference Tables at the ERDMS. The ERDMS is updated accordingly. All changes to the NtS Reference Tables have to be approved by the NtS Expert Group. The chairperson of the NtS Expert Group informs regularly the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on the current status of the NtS Tables.

5.7.2 [The ISRS Location Code according to chapter 2.7 of the standard for electronic ship reporting]<sup>1</sup> has to be used in the Geo object section to uniquely identify objects and fairway sections and to ensure interoperable RIS Systems and Services (e.g. to combine information about infrastructure from the RIS Index, Inland ECDIS and NtS for voyage planning). The RIS Indexes, the ISRS Location Codes (and the reference data of objects) are maintained by the competent authorities and submitted to the ERDMS at <http://risdatamanagement.ris.eu>.

National RIS reference data managers are to be appointed and named by the respective UNECE member states. They need to provide data accordingly in order to maintain the RIS Index. The maintenance procedure for the RIS Index is as follows:

1. UNECE member states prepare the RIS Index for objects under their responsibility in cooperation with the respective national RIS reference data manager;
  2. The respective national RIS reference data manager is responsible for providing the RIS Index information to the ERDMS;
  3. Before integrating the data in the ERDMS, formal checks of the reference data provided and of the changes to be included in the ERDMS are made by the operator of the ERDMS.
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<sup>1</sup> Resolution No. 79; if the proposed change is approved by SC.3/WP.3, then it needs to be updated (note of the secretariat).