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Responses of Contracting Parties and River Commissions on the questionnaire regarding the International Convention on the Registration of Inland Navigation Vessels

Transmitted by The Netherlands

The proposal of Croatia to modify the agreement is at this moment very general and no background information on the reasoning is available. This makes it difficult to provide our view.

The Convention is fully implemented in the Civil Code. It is essential that the vessels registered have a very close relation and connection with the Netherlands; here the criteria stated in the Article 3 of the Convention is followed.

We would seriously question any substantial change of the criteria for registration, since that would probably have severe implications for the location of the registration of the Dutch fleet which consists now of some 38,500 vessels, of which some 18,000 are commercial.

However, among the Netherlands priorities is the reduction of administrative burden. If a modification of the agreement will lead to a reduction of the administrative burden, this will be considered in a positive spirit.
