

Decisions of SC.3 and SC.3/WP.3 relevant to the activities of the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61

Note of the secretariat

I. Report of the forty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3 (24–26 June 2015) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/94)

Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised) (agenda item 5)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1 and 2; Informal documents SC.3/WP.3 Nos. 10, 11 and 12 (2015)

41. The Working Party took note of the outcome of the ninth meeting of the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61 held in Geneva 11–13 May 2015, in particular:

- (a) proposal for the new Section 8B-4 (Requirements concerning equipment for the treatment of domestic waste water) as reproduced in informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 11 (2015) and draft Appendixes 8 and 9 to Resolution No. 61;
- (b) proposals for amendment of Chapter 23 “Crews” and Appendix 2 “Model ship’s certificate” of Annex to Resolution No. 61 as reproduced in informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 12 (2015);
- (c) proposal on a new Chapter 24 “Transitional provisions”;
- (d) responses to the comments of Belarus (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No.6 (2014)). As regarding the first comment to Section 10–1.4, “Chains and Cables” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/7, para. 4), the Group duly noted the fact that Belarus applies different method of calculation for the anchor chain strength which apparently gives the same result. As regarding the second comment on the clear width of the side deck (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2013/7, para. 5) the Group pointed out that the clear width of the side deck had been already corrected by a proposal from Belarus;
- (f) consideration of the proposals of the Danube Commission on differences between the language versions of amendments of Resolution No. 61 (Informal document SC.3 No.5 (2014)).

42. The Working Party invited Governments to consider the drafts of Section 8B-4, Chapter 24, amendments to Chapter 23 and Appendix 2 and drafts of new Appendixes 8 and 9 to Resolution No. 61 and to provide their comments to the secretariat for the forty-eighth session of SC.3/WP.3. The secretariat was asked to prepare the relevant working documents.

43. The Working Party approved the agenda of the tenth session of the Group of Volunteers to be held in May 2016. Items of particular interest are: (a) a proposal for Chapter 19B, Special requirements applicable to craft navigating on zone 4, and (b) the preparation of a consolidated version of Resolution No. 61. The Working Party invited member States and River Commissions to participate in the meeting.

**II. Report of the fifty-ninth session of SC.3 (9–11 November 2015)
(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/201)**

**Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical
Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61,
revised)**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1–2,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/19, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 10 (2015)

44. The Working Party took note of the information on the outcome of the ninth meeting of the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 held in Geneva 11–13 May 2015 (Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 10 (2015)) and was invited to start discussion on the proposal for further amendments to Annex to Resolution No. 61, revised, as submitted by the Group of Volunteers: the new Section 8B-4, draft Appendices 8 and 9 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8), proposal for amending Chapter 23 and Appendix 2 and proposal for a new Chapter 24 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9).

45. The Working Party took note of the agenda of the tenth meeting of the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 which is planned for May 2016 that included, in particular, a proposal for Chapter 19B, “Special requirements applicable to craft navigating on zone 4”, and the preparation of a consolidated version of Resolution No. 61.

46. The Working Party asked the secretariat to issue Amendment 3 to Resolution No. 61 on the basis of amendments already adopted by SC.3.

**III. Report of the forty-eighth session of SC.3/WP.3
(17–19 February 2016) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96)**

**Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical
Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels
(Resolution No. 61, revised)**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1/Amend.3,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9, Informal document
SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2016)

37. The Working Party was informed that a package of amendments to Resolution No. 61 adopted by SC.3, had been issued as Amendment No. 3 following the request by SC.3 at its fifty-ninth session and was available on the UNECE website.

38. The Working Party considered the proposal of the Russian Federation to the new text of Section 8B-4, prepared by the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8) regarding the limit values in the outflow of the on-board sewage treatment plant on board inland navigation vessels as represented in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2016) and decided to transmit it to the Group of Volunteer experts on Resolution No. 61 for further consideration.

**IV. Report of the forty-ninth session of SC.3/WP.3
(22–24 June 2016) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/98)**

Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2016)

37. The Working Party took note of the information from the Russian Federation on its amendment proposal to Resolution No. 61 that introduces provisions for people with reduced mobility. SC.3/WP.3 asked the secretariat to issue it as a working document for the sixtieth session of SC.3.

38. The Working Party was informed by the secretariat that, according to consultations with the Secretariat of ISO Technical Committee 147 “Water quality”, the standard EN 1484 (1997) is equivalent to standard ISO 8245:1999 and thus the latter can replace EN 1484 (1997) or be referred to in paragraph 8B–4.2.2 of ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8.

39. The Working Party was informed by the secretariat about the status of the next meeting of the Group of Volunteers.

40. The Working Party recommended that SC.3 consider the preparation of the consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 on the basis of the adopted amendments.

**V. Report of the sixtieth session of SC.3 (2–4 November 2016)
(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/203)**

Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised)

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/10, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 14 (2016)

64. The Russian Federation gave clarifications to its proposal for amending Resolution No. 61 set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/10. Ukraine supported the proposal and proposed SC.3 to adopt it as an amendment to Resolution No. 61 at the present session, if there were no objections. Ukraine further stressed the importance of work of SC.3 on the harmonization of technical standards for vessels and Resolution No. 61 for non-EU member States.

65. SC.3 adopted as Resolution No. 86 the amendment proposal to Resolution No. 61 set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2016/10. SC.3 asked member States to provide support in organizing the next meeting of the Group of Volunteer experts on Resolution No. 61 in order to facilitate work on other amendment proposals.

66. Austria pointed out the importance of aligning Resolution No. 61 with ES-TRIN standard and underlined the need for the Russian text of ES-TRIN standard in the context of this work and also for further work on ADN. Following this proposal supported by Belgium, Ukraine and the Russian Federation, SC.3 agreed with the need for the Russian text of ES-TRIN standard and asked the secretariat to start its preparation.

67. SC.3 deemed it necessary to continue work on the harmonization of technical prescriptions for inland vessels in Resolution No. 61 with the new EC Directive 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 and ES-TRIN standard. To facilitate this work, SC.3 asked the secretariat to analyse the differences between the Annex to Resolution No. 61 and the provisions of ES-TRIN standard.

**VI. Report of the fiftieth session of SC.3/WP.3
(15–17 February 2016) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/100)**

Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised)

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1-4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/7, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/8, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 2 (2017)

38. SC.3/WP.3 took note of the results of comparison between the structure of Resolution No. 61 and ES-TRIN standard set out in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/7 and asked the secretariat to continue work on harmonizing provisions of Resolution No. 61 with the following articles and chapters of ES-TRIN standard: Articles 7.02, 7.06.3, 8.06, 8.07, Chapter 9, Articles 13.01.11 to 13.01.14, 13.02.3(b), 13.04, 13.05, 13.06, 14.12, 15.05, Chapter 16, Articles 19.01.5 and 6, Annexes 5 and 6.

39. SC.3/WP.3 took note of the proposal for a new Chapter X on special provisions applicable to craft equipped with propulsion or auxiliary systems operating on fuels with a flashpoint equal to or lower than 55° C and a new Appendix on supplementary provisions applicable to craft operating on fuels with a flashpoint equal to or lower than 55° C (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/8) and decided to transmit them to the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 for the consideration.

40. SC.3/WP.3 took note of the information that the next meeting of the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 could possibly be held in October or November 2017.
