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Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation: European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revision 5)

Outcome of the thirty-second meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group and amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways

Note by the secretariat

Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the programme of work of the Transport subprogramme for 2020 (ECE/TRANS/2020/21, chapter IV, table, section A, para. 11) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its eighty-second session (ECE/TRANS/294, para. 136).
2. At its fifty-sixth session, the Working Party on Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) took note of the decisions of the thirty-second meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group held on 11 February 2020, back-to-back with its fifty-sixth session, and asked the secretariat to issue a detailed report for its fifty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/112, para. 46). The full report of the meeting, including the amendment proposals for CEVNI agreed by the Expert Group, is reproduced in the annex.

Annex

Decisions of the thirty-second meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group

1. The CEVNI Expert Group held its thirty-second meeting on 11 February 2020 back-to-back with the fifty-sixth session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) (12 to 14 February 2020).
2. The meeting was attended by Ms. H. Liégeois (Belgium), Messrs. E. Brodsky and A. Zhegalin (Russian Federation), Mr. I. Alexander (Danube Commission, hereafter DC), Mr. Z. Milkovic (International Sava River Basin Commission, hereafter SC), Ms. C. Paddison (European Boating Association, hereafter EBA) and Ms. V. Ivanova (ECE secretariat).
3. Mr. B. Birkhuber (Austria), the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine, hereafter CCNR, and the Mosel Commission have informed the secretariat that they were not able to attend the meeting.
4. The Group adopted the provisional agenda (CEVNI EG/2020/1/Rev.1):
 - I. Adoption of the minutes of the thirty-first meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group (5 November 2019, Geneva)

Document: CEVNI EG/2019/20
 - II. Amendment proposals to articles 1.10 and 9.02 of CEVNI
Documents: CEVNI EG/2020/2, CEVNI EG/2020/6
 - III. Updating of annex 9 to CEVNI based on the newly introduced model of used-oil log in Part C, Appendix I of Annex 2 to the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI)
Document: CEVNI EG/2020/3
 - IV. Amendment proposal to chapter 10 of CEVNI
Document: CEVNI EG/2020/7
 - V. Amendment proposal to annex 3 to CEVNI
Document: CEVNI EG/2020/4
 - VI. Amendment proposal to article 4.07 of CEVNI
Document: CEVNI EG/2020/8
 - VI. Comparison of the updated consolidated version of the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) and CEVNI
Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/2
 - VII. Application of three-tone signal and the frequency of sound signals prescribed by CEVNI
Document: CEVNI EG/2020/5/Rev.1
 - VIII. Other business: Road map for the preparation of CEVNI 6
Other language versions of CEVNI 5
 - IX. Next meeting.

I. Adoption of the minutes of the thirty-first meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group (5 November 2019, Geneva)

Document: CEVNI EG/2019/20

5. The Group adopted the minutes of its thirty-first meeting held on 5 November 2019 in Geneva, back-to-back with the sixty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3).

II. Amendment proposals to articles 1.10 and 9.02 of CEVNI

Documents: CEVNI EG/2020/2, CEVNI EG/2020/6

6. Following its decision at its previous meeting to prepare a detailed analysis of the list of vessel's papers and other documents to be available on board as mentioned in Table 1, paragraph 51 of ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15 (CEVNI EG/2019/20, para. 14), the Group started the discussion on the amendment proposals to articles 1.10 and 9.02 prepared by Austria (CEVNI EG/2020/2) and thanked Austria for the detailed analysis made.

7. Discussion went about the definition and the contents of the vessel's logbook. Ms. Liégeois mentioned the definition given in Directive (EU) 2017/2397. Messrs. Brodsky and Zhegalin supported the idea to transfer some items from chapter 9 to general provisions. Mr. Milkovic proposed to split up the draft paragraph 1 into: (a) paragraph 1 – a general list of the documents to be available on board, and (b) paragraph 1(a) - the documents required by special provisions. Mr. Alexander mentioned that the certificates required by CDNI were mandatory only for the contracting parties. The Group decided to continue discussion at its next meeting and asked Austria to provide additional clarifications for the proposal for the next meeting.

8. The Group recommended SC.3/WP.3 to modify article 1.11 as follows:

- *Add* a new paragraph 2
 2. **The guide concerning the radiotelephone service on inland waterways (general part and relevant regional parts)¹ shall be carried on board of vessels equipped with a radiotelephone installation.**
- *Renumber* the existing paragraph 2 as paragraph 3 and *modify*
 3. An electronic version of documents **mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 2** is acceptable when readable at short notice.

III. Updating of annex 9 to CEVNI based on the newly introduced model of used-oil log in Part C, Appendix I of Annex 2 to CDNI

Document: CEVNI EG/2020/3

9. The Group took note of the new version of the used-oil log (Part C, Appendix I of Annex 2 to CDNI), transmitted by the CDNI Secretariat, which had entered into force on 1 December 2019 (CEVNI EG/2020/3). In particular, the entry "official number or measurement mark" on page 1 of the log has been replaced with "unique European Vessel Identification Number".

10. The Group noted that annex 9 to CEVNI on page 1 had the following entry on page 1: "Unique European Vessel Identification Number or official number", which was in line with other provisions of CEVNI, and decided to keep it unchanged.

¹ Available in French and Russian only.

IV. Amendment proposal to chapter 10 of CEVNI

Document: CEVNI EG/2020/7

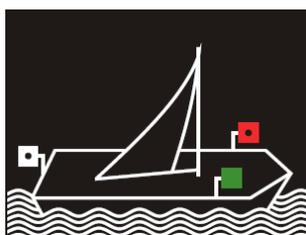
11. The Group discussed the proposal of Austria to modify article 10.06 and add a new annex 12 “Model Waste Water Log” aimed to prevent an illegal discharge of domestic waste water and sludge from on-board sewage plants (CEVNI EG/2020/7). The Group supported the proposal in principle. Ms. Paddison mentioned that the practical application of this amendment, as proposed in CEVNI EG/2020/7, could have an impact on recreational boaters due to infrastructure constraints. The Group decided to postpone further discussion and come back to this issue at its next session.

V. Amendment proposal to annex 3 to CEVNI

Document: CEVNI EG/2020/4

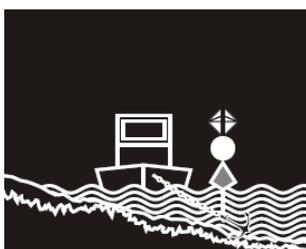
12. The Group discussed the amendment proposal to annex 3 made by the secretariat based on the comparison of CEVNI and RPNR (CEVNI EG/2020/4) and agreed on the following:

- (a) Sketch 20, in the end *add*
(masthead lights are optional)
- (b) *Add sketch 20a*

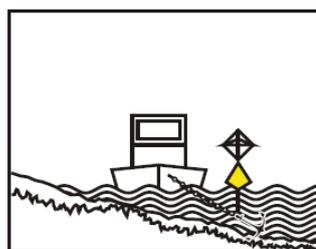


Article 3.12: Sailing vessels

- (c) *Add sketch 61bis*

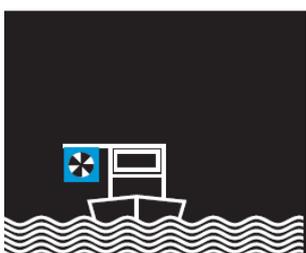


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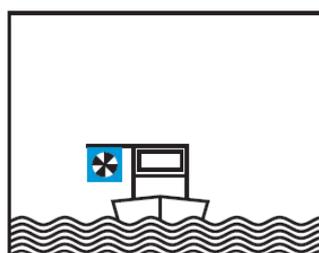


Article 3.26: Floating equipment whose anchors may be a danger to navigation

- (d) Sketches 66, 67: *delete* the outdated signs.
- (e) *Add sketch 76*



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Article 6.04 (paragraphs 4 and 6): Meeting: Vessels proceeding upstream which leave the course of those proceeding downstream on

their starboard and vessels proceeding downstream that repeat the visual signal referred to in paragraph 4 (the blue board is optional²).

VI. Amendment proposal to article 4.07 of CEVNI

Document: CEVNI EG/2020/8

13. As it was agreed at the thirty-first meeting of the Group (CEVNI EG/2019/20, para. 20), Mr. Brodsky prepared the amendment proposal for article 4.07 (CEVNI EG/2020/8). The Group thanked Mr. Brodsky for the work done, exchanged the opinions on the proposed amendments and asked him to update the proposal based on the remarks of the participants made at the meeting and to send it to the members of the Group by the beginning of May 2020. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting of the Group.

VI. Comparison of the updated consolidated version of RPNR and CEVNI

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/2

14. The Group decided to continue the discussion of the comparison between CEVNI and RPNR, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2020/2.

VII. Application of three-tone signal and the frequency of sound signals prescribed by CEVNI

Document: CEVNI EG/2020/5/Rev.1

15. The Group discussed CEVNI EG/2020/5/Rev.1. Ms. Liégeois mentioned that this signal was no longer applied on national waterways. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Milkovic informed the Group that it was no longer applied by some member States of DC and SC, however, this provision was in the navigation rules of both river commissions, and DC had the intention to remove this provision from the Basic Rules of Navigation on the Danube (DFND) in the future versions. The Group agreed that this provision might require revision and might be replaced with other signals; an example was Article 6.32, paragraph 2(d) of RPNR, however, for the time being it should be kept in CEVNI as it was still applied by some countries. The Group recommended to SC.3/WP.3 to consider removing the three-tone signal from CEVNI. For this purpose, the secretariat could prepare a working document in consultations with DC and SC.

16. The Group began to exchange opinions about the frequencies of sound signals prescribed by CEVNI. Mr. Milkovic confirmed that the equipment corresponding to CEVNI provisions was not easily available on the market, and mentioned that the recommended frequency range could be modified. The Group decided to continue discussion at its next meeting.

VIII. Other business:

A. Road map for the preparation of CEVNI 6

17. The Group discussed the future work plan for the preparatory work for CEVNI 6:

- Thirty-third meeting (23 June 2020):
Finalize article 4.07 and the comparison of CEVNI and RPNR
- Thirty-fourth meeting (6 October 2020):

Consider the comparison between CEVNI, DFND and the Navigation Rules on the Sava to be prepared for the fifty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3, finalize the

² Otherwise, article 6.04 para. 4 (b), the first bullet point, should be deleted.

amendment proposals for articles 1.10 and 9.02, chapter 10 and a new annex 12 “Model Waste Water Log” and provisions for sound signal frequencies

- Thirty-fifth meeting (February 2021):
Prepare the first draft of CEVNI 6 with the aim of submission for the fifty-eighth session of SC.3/WP.3
- Thirty-sixth meeting (June 2021):
Prepare the final draft of CEVNI 6 based on the outcome of the fifty-eighth session of SC.3/WP.3 and finalize editorial amendments, if necessary, for the final adoption of SC.3.

B. Language versions of CEVNI

18. Mr. Milkovic informed the Group about the preparation of the Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian language versions of CEVNI 5 that would be soon available and would be transmitted to the secretariat for uploading on the website. The Group welcomed this information.

IX. Next meeting

19. The CEVNI Expert Group agreed on the following preliminary date for its thirty-third meeting to be 23 June 2020, back-to-back with the fifty-seventh session of SC.3/WP.3, starting at 12:00.
