

MINUTES OF THE 3rd MEETING OF THE GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS

1. The third meeting of the Group of Volunteers was held on 7 – 9 December 2010 in Moscow.

The following experts took part in the meeting:

Mr. Willem Zondag, Consultant, the Netherlands
Mr. Karol Anda, Chief Engineer of the Danube Commission, Slovakia
Mr. Andrzej Jarosz, Polish Register of Shipping, Poland
Mr. Valery Ogarkov, Russian River Register, the Russian Federation
Mrs. Victoria Ivanova, Russian River Register, the Russian Federation
Mr. Valery Lobastov, Russian River Register, the Russian Federation

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Willem Zondag.

The members of the Group were welcomed by Mrs. Anna Isayeva, Vice Director of the Department of State Policy in the sphere of Maritime and River Transport of the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation and Mr Evgeny Trunin, General Director of the Russian River Register.

The group adopted the following agenda which is attached.

2. Discussion of 2nd draft Chapter 20B, Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/6 and Add. 1.

The Group discussed the 2nd draft of Chapter 20B and decided as follows:

2.2 It was agreed to prepare the third draft of Chapter 20B on the basis of the comments of the members of the Group. It was mentioned that the 3rd draft shall be restructured in order to fit in the system used in Resolution No. 61.

2.2 The Group decided to finalize the draft Chapter 20B on its next meeting in March 2011.

3. Discussion of proposals for amending Chapter 1-2 Definitions

Documents: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172, Amend. 1 and Amend. ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/3 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/16 and Add.1

The Group supports the idea to harmonize the definitions in Resolution No. 61 with those used in Directive 2006/87/EC. Since the existing definitions and terms are used in the text of Resolution No. 61, this work should be carried out together with the harmonization of these terms in the relevant Chapters. The Group decided to include this item into its further work.

4. Requirements to navigation computers

Document: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2010/10

The Group discussed and finished the proposal of the Russian Federation and prepared it to be introduced as Section 7-3A.

5. Discussion of proposals of ATENA on amending Directive 2006/87/EC, submitted at 37th session of SC.3/WP.3.

With regard to ATENA paper the Group expressed to have understanding as regards to the reasons for the ATENA proposals, but that it should not enter in the sphere of the Directive.

Furthermore it was mentioned that for specific subjects and certain zones and areas, the Directive allows the competent authorities to grant derogations. Within the context of harmonization of the technical requirements for passenger vessels the subjects could be further discussed after having received information from member states on derogations already granted. The Secretariat could consider the possibilities to have this information available.

6. Requirements for Passenger Vessels also suited for Carrying Persons with reduced mobility

Documents : ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2010/8 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/188

The Group concluded that there was no reason to transfer the the requirements concerning people with reduced mobility which are already contained in Chapter 15, to a separate Chapter or document as this would affect the present harmonization with Directive 2006/87.

7. Planning of further work of the Group of Volunteers

7.1 The Group decided to hold its next meeting in March 2011 during the 13th week in Brussels, Budapest or Gdansk. The exact date will be forwarded to the members of the Group.

The following items will be included into the agenda:

3rd draft of Chapter 20B – to be prepared by Mr. Ogarkov and Mr. Lobastov;

Chapter 1-2 –Definitions– to be prepared by Mr. Zondag;

Chapter 6 – to be prepared by Mr. Zondag.

7.2 The Group decided to plan 2 meetings in 2011.

7.3 The Group proposed to develop draft Chapters 17 and 18 in future.

8. The Group expressed its gratitude to Russian River Register for the organization of this meeting.

Moscow, 9 December 2010

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Moscow, 07 – 09.12.2010

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda.
 2. Discussion of 2nd draft Chapter 20B Special provisions applicable to river-sea navigation vessels
 3. Discussion of proposals for amending Chapter 1-2 Definitions
 4. Requirements to navigation computers
 5. Discussion of proposals of ATENA on amending Directive 2006/87/EC, submitted at 37th session of SC.3/WP.3
 6. Requirements for Passenger Vessels also suited for carrying Persons with reduced mobility
 7. Planning of further work of the Group of Volunteers.
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