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Recreational navigation

Notes by the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Serbia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Amendments to Resolution No. 40

Czech Republic

The Czech Act No. 114/1995 Coll., “On inland navigation” and Decree No. 224/1995 Coll. “On operators' qualification”:

www.mdcz.cz/cs/Legislativa/Legislativa/Legislativa+CR+-+vodni/.

Lithuania

The navigation of recreational craft on the inland waterways of Lithuania is governed by the provisions of CEVNI and the following legal acts of the Ministry of Environment:

www3.lrs.lt/pls/inter3/dokpaieska.showdoc_l?p_id=378584&p_query=&p_tr2=2.

Serbia

Serbia has several legal acts in force governing the navigation of recreational craft and conditions for obtaining a certificate for operators of pleasure craft.

Implementation of Resolution No. 40

Czech Republic

No difficulties have occurred during the implementation. FAQs:

1. Citizens of EU member states who are not residents in the Czech Republic ask for Czech issuance of International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft. There is no treatment of mutual recognition of International Certificates for Operators of Pleasure Craft in EU law.

2. Czech residents mistakenly ask for recognition of national certificates issued by other states, e.g. Croatia. There is a lack of information. The national certificates are valid only in the country of their issuance.
3. Czech control bodies ask for the period of validity of the certificates issued in accordance with Resolution No. 14.
4. Czech control bodies ask for interpretation of revised Resolution No. 40, whether they should recognize the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft issued e.g. in Germany/Austria to a citizen of North American countries, or any other country, which are not members of UNECE.

Lithuania

Lithuanian authorities issue International Certificates for Operators of Pleasure Craft and recognize identical certificates issued by other countries.

Serbia

The Serbian authorities do not issue International Certificates for Operators of Pleasure Craft for the time being. It is expected that the Code governing the issue of International Certificates for Operators of Pleasure Craft will be adopted by the end of 2013.

Upgrading of the status of Resolution No. 40

Czech Republic

The Czech Republic welcomes this upgrading, preferably to an international agreement.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency would like to advise the Working Group that it would not support any move to transform Resolution No. 40 into a binding instrument.

Map of the European recreational Navigation Network

Lithuania

Lithuania proposes to include the route E-41 Kaunas-Klaipeda (Nemunas river and Curonian Lagoon) in the map.
