

Statement proposal to the CEVNI Expert Group in connection with the document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11 (Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation: Signs and Signal on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revision 2)

1. The general remark of the CEVNI Expert Group in connection with the above document is, that it includes signs and markings that have been defined differently at CEVNI in some cases. It shall not be allowed that the resolution prepared for the water management authorities (SIGNI) contains signs and markings different from the resolution prepared for boatmasters (CEVNI), because this could endanger navigation.
2. A concrete example for the diverse markings can be found in SIGNI under article A.10b of subsection 7.2 „Fixed bridges” of chapter 7 „Marking of permanent structures” of the document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11. The night visualization of signal A.10 in CEVNI is not a red light, which would indicate a clear prohibition to pass, but a red and white square board standing on one angle, vertically split in the middle, and as suggested by night „to make them more vivible, boards may be sorrounded by a thin white line”, see Annex 7 (2)

The CEVNI Expert Group suggests the revision of the document considering the following aspects:

1. SIGNI shall include rules on the practical implementation of the signals, which are already used in CEVNI. Other signs and markings shall be deleted.
 2. The signals used in CEVNI shall get into SIGNI with the same discription/definition and same visualization.
 3. If it appears to be necessary that new or additional signals shall be introduced, that are different from the ones used in CEVNI, this shall be completed in both documents paralell at the same time.
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