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Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation: International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 80)

Revision of the International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 80)

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with cluster 5: Inland Waterway Transport, paragraph 5.1 of the programme of work 2018–2019 (ECE/TRANS/2018/21/Add.1) adopted by the Inland Transport Committee at its eightieth session (20–23 February 2018) (ECE/TRANS/274, para. 123).
2. At its fifty-fifth session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) preliminarily approved the draft revision of the annex to resolution No. 80, “International Standard for Notices to Skippers (NtS) in Inland Navigation” and asked the secretariat to transmit it to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) for final adoption (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, paras. 81–82).
3. SC.3 may wish to adopt the revised standard as an annex to resolution No. 80, revised. The draft resolution of SC.3 (excluding the annex) is contained in annex I to this document and the contents of the standard is contained in Annex II. The consolidated version of the revised annex to resolution No. 80 is contained in Informal document SC.3 No. 3 (2019), the revised NtS Encoding Guide for editors (appendix A to the annex to resolution No. 80) – in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/16 and the revised NtS Encoding Guide for application developers (appendix B to the annex to resolution No. 80) – in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/17.

Annex I

Amendments to resolution No. 80, “International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation”

Resolution No. ...

(adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on ...)

The Working Party on Inland Water Transport,

Noting the progress reached in the development of the standard for Notices to Skippers in inland navigation and the necessity to update the relevant provisions at the pan-European level,

Responding to the Policy Recommendation No. 3 of the UNECE White Paper on Efficient and Sustainable Inland Water Transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189), the strategic recommendations set out in the Wroclaw Declaration and resolution No. 265 of 22 February 2019 of the Inland Transport Committee,

Bearing in mind the ongoing work by the European Commission and the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation (CESNI),

Considering its resolution No. 57 on River Information Services (TRANS/SC.3/165) and desiring to promote the rapid establishment of harmonized river information services on the European inland waterway network,

Taking into account resolution No. 80, “International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199) adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on 14 November 2014,

Taking into account also the report of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation of its fifty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/110, paras. 81–82),

1. *Decides* to replace the text of the annex to resolution No. 80 with the text contained in the annex to this resolution;
2. *Recommends* Governments to base the development and introduction of systems for the dissemination of Notices to Skippers in inland navigation on the international standard reproduced in the annex to this resolution,
3. *Recommends* Governments to bring their national legislation concerning navigation by inland waterway in accordance with the International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation,
4. *Requests* Governments and River Commissions to inform the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe whether they accept this resolution,
5. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to periodically include the question of application of this resolution periodically in the agenda of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

Annex II

International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation

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- Appendix B: NtS Encoding Guide for application developers³
- Appendix C: NtS XML Schema Definition (XSD)
- Appendix D: NtS Web Service Specification (WSDL)
- Appendix E: NtS Reference Tables.

Note: Appendices C–E are available in electronic format only.

¹ Parts 1 to 4 - see Informal document SC.3 No. 3 (2019).

² See ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/16.

³ See ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/17.