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EUROPEAN CODE FOR INLAND WATERWAYS (CEVNI)

Amendments to Chapter 5, "Waterway Signs and Marking"

Proposal submitted by the Chairman of the informal working group on CEVNI

Note by the secretariat

At its thirty-second session, SC.3/WP.3 took note of the creation of an informal working group on CEVNI, composed of the representatives of Austria, Central Commission for the navigation of the Rhine, Danube Commission, International Sava River Basin Commission and the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para. 8). The aim of the group was to prepare amendment proposals to CEVNI, Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine, Basic Rules of Navigation on the Danube and Rules for the Navigation on Sava River, based on the analysis of the differences between these four documents, prepared by Austria (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2008/6). The preliminary results of this work were presented at the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, paras. 9-10) and the first draft of the amendment proposals to Chapters 1-6 was reviewed by the Working Party at its thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, paras. 8-20).

The present document contains the final draft of the amendment proposals related to Chapter 5 entitled “Waterway Signs and Marking” prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, para. 17). The additions to the original text are highlighted in bold and the text to be deleted is highlighted in strike-through.

The Working Party may wish to decide to recommend that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport adopt these amendments at its fifty-third session in October 2009.

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 5, “WATERWAY SIGNS AND MARKING”

1. Amendments to Article 5.01– **Signs**

(a) Amend paragraph 1 as follows

Annex 7 to these regulations sets out the prohibitory, mandatory, restrictive, recommendatory and informative signs and auxiliary signs for inland waterways **which are installed by the competent authorities to ensure safety and order of navigation**

(b) Delete footnote 54

(c) Delete footnote 55

2. New Article 5.03 – Use of signs and markings

(a) Add a new article 5.03 to read

Article 5.03 – Use of signs and markings

1. The competent authorities are not required to use all the signs which are included in Annexes 7 and 8 and may omit the signs and markings that they do not use from their regulations.

2. In the absence of signs and markings, boatmasters and persons in charge of floating establishments shall take all the precautions required by the general obligation to exercise vigilance in accordance with Article 1.04.
