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Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61)

Comments on the amendments to Resolution No. 61

Submitted by Ukraine

Note by the secretariat

Presented below are the comments of Ukraine on the proposed amendments to the definitions used in Resolution No. 61, contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/9/Add.1.

The Working Party may wish to take note of these comments in making the final decisions regarding these amendment proposals.

Ukraine presents the following comments on the amendments to Section 1-2 "Definitions", as contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2011/9/Add.1:

(a) Modify the proposed definition No. 1 to read:
"Craft – a vessel or a floating equipment";

(b) Modify the proposed definition No. 5 to read:
"Motor vessel – a vessel built to navigate independently under its own motive power";

(c) Taking into account definition No. 5, modify the proposed definitions Nos. 6 and 7 to read:
"Motor tanker: a motor vessel intended for the carriage of goods in fixed tanks";¹
"Motor cargo vessel: a vessel, other than a motor tanker, intended for the carriage of goods";

¹ Cf. definition of "Tanker" in ADN.
(d) It would be appropriate to supplement Section 1-2 with the definition of "Small craft", as this term is used in the provisions of the resolution;

(e) It would be appropriate to include the definition of "Recreational craft" in line with paragraph 21-1 of Chapter 21 and, possibly, with the provisions of the EU Directive EC 94/25/EC;

(f) In the existing definition No. 49 not to introduce the proposed modifications or in the proposed definition No. 61 "Freeboard (f)" modify the text after "passing through the lowest point" to read:

"where the continuation outwards of the upper surface of the freeboard deck or, in the absence of the deck, of the gunwale, intersects with the upper edge of the side";2

(g) In definition No. 132 delete the words ", ship's boats".

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2 It should be borne in mind that freeboard also includes the width of the deck's (gunwale), the wooden grating of the deck and should be taken into account the different ways of connecting the deck with the side (cf. Rule 4, Chapter 1, Annex 1 of the International Convention on Load Lines of 1966).