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The secretariat reproduces below the pending items from the eighteenth session of the CEVNI Expert Group of 9 October 2012.

I. Pending items from document CEVNI EG/2012/6 (Belgium)

During its eighteenth meeting, the Group considered Belgium's proposal to introduce the term "large vessel" (CEVNI EG/2012/3, part C). The Group found that the text of some articles could be simplified by specifying that only large vessels are concerned and invited the delegations of Belgium and the Netherlands to provide a list of articles that could be made easier by introducing the term "large vessel" for consideration of the Group on a case-by-case basis, for example, to clarify certain situations where it is unclear which vessels are concerned.

Belgium advised that the texts of the following articles could be made easier by replacing the term "vessel" with "large vessel":

1.01, 1.11.2, 2.01.1, 2.01.2, 3.08.1, 3.12.1 (2X), 3.20.2, 4.01.1, 4.01.2, 4.02.1, 6.02.2 (2X), 6.03.5, 6.03bis.2, 6.04.2, 6.04.4, 6.05.1 (2X), 6.07.1, 6.09.2, 6.10.2 (2X), 6.10.8, 6.13.4 (3X), 6.16.6 (3X), 6.28.7, annex 3, sketches Nos. 2, 3, 4, 20 and 45.

The Group is kindly invited to consider the suggested introduction of the term "large vessel" in the above CEVNI provisions. To assist the Group in the case-by-case consideration of articles, the Netherlands has kindly provided a document where they have marked the proposed amended text (CEVNI EG/2013/4).

II. Pending items from document CEVNI EG/2012/6 (Belgium)

Belgium proposes to make the following amendments to Chapter 6:

- *Delete* para. 4 (see minutes of the 18th meeting of the CEVNI EG, CEVNI EG/2012/5) of article 6.27 *reading*:
The trailing of anchors, cables or chains at or near a weir is prohibited.
- *Amend* para. 2 of article 6.18 *to read*:
 2. This prohibition does not apply to vessels undertaking manoeuvres or heading to towards a stopping place, except in the following cases:
 - (a) less than 100 m from a bridge, lock or weir, ferry-boat or floating equipment at work;
 - (b) on sections of the waterway marked with the prohibitory sign A.6 (annexe 7), in accordance with the provisions of article 7.03, para. 1 (b).

Comment: As there is already an article which is concerned with the prohibition to trail anchors, Belgium proposes to reword para. 2 of article 6.18 in accordance with applicable legislation in Belgium and the Netherlands.

III. Pending items from document CEVNI EG/2012/3 (art. 4.07): para. 15

It is recalled that the Group decided to put on hold the considerations on whether Inland AIS equipment should be addressed in article 4.07, until CCNR comments on this issue. The Group will have before it a proposal from CCNR on the amendment of article 4.07 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2013/2/Add.1) as well as the revised original proposal formulated by SC.3/WP.3, Belarus and Lithuania (CEVNI EG/2013/5) and further proposal by Austria (CEVNI EG/2013/6).

IV. Pending items from document CEVNI EG/2012/3 (art. 6.07): para. 25

It is recalled that, at its eighteenth meeting, the Group decided to adopt the proposal by the secretariat to modify the text after the semicolon in subparagraph 1 (d) (i) to read:

This provision shall not apply **to small craft in relation to other vessels**".

The Group further requested the secretariat to verify if this wording was already in use in the text of CEVNI.

The secretariat hereby confirms that the wording "small craft in relation to other vessels" occurs 10 times within Chapter 6 (6.02 (2); 6.03bis (1), (4); 6.04 (1), (7); 6.05 (7), 6.07 (1), 6.10 (7), 6.13 (4), 6.16 (7).

The Group is hereby requested to advise if it is satisfied with its decision to modify art. 6.07.

V. Pending items from document CEVNI EG/2012/3 (art. 3.07 (2)): para. 34

At its eighteenth meeting, the Group requested the secretariat to propose an alternative wording for "inconvenience to navigation" used in article 3.07 (2), which would reflect an irritation but not hindrance (Störung). The secretariat hereby proposes the Group to consider to use the word "interference" in English, "gêne" in French, and "неудобство" in Russian.

VI. Pending items from document CEVNI EG/2012/4 (art. 7.03): para. 22

It is recalled that, at its eighteenth meeting, the Group decided to postpone a decision on the proposal of Belgium to amend art. 7.03 paragraph 1 to read:

1. Vessels, assemblies of floating material or floating establishments may not anchor **or use telescopic piles (spuds)**.

as the use of spuds is considered new technology and the degree of damage its use may cause the ground is yet unknown and wait for further information from the Netherlands or CCNR, who have exceptions for the use of piles.

The delegations of the Netherlands and CCNR may want to advise whether they have additional information that would allow the Group to come to a decision on the proposal of Belgium regarding this article.

VI. Pending items from document CEVNI EG/2012/4 (annex 2, para. 2): para. 34

It is recalled that, at its eighteenth meeting, the Group decided to postpone a decision on the proposal of Belgium to delete paragraph 2 reading:

2. If the vessel bears tonnage scales meeting the requirements of paragraph 1 above, such tonnage scales may serve instead of draught scales.

The Group believed that the provision contained in annex 2, paragraph 2, concerned the non-obligation of seagoing vessels to bear draught scales. It therefore decided to postpone a decision on whether to delete paragraph 2 until the Group of Volunteer Experts on Resolution No. 61 reviews Chapter 4 of Resolution No. 61, in order to consider a reference to it from CEVNI annex 2.
