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Proposal from the Netherlands for the use of spuds

1. On the twentieth meeting (June 2013) of the CEVNI Expert Group it was agreed that the use of spuds should be incorporated into the CEVNI. During the discussion the Expert Group was of the opinion that adding an extra paragraph to article 7.03 Anchoring was the best way forward.
2. Placing an extra paragraph in article 7.03 makes it possible to prohibit the use of spuds in areas where also the use of anchors is forbidden. However it does not include the possibility to allow the use of spuds in areas where anchoring is prohibited.
3. This is a situation which is seen more often in the Netherlands. Therefore the Netherlands would like to propose another solution for including the use of spuds into CEVNI.
4. The proposal is to add a new article, article 7.03a Use of spuds as follows (This article is similar to the article of anchoring):

Article 7.03a – Use of spuds

1. Vessels, assemblies of floating material or floating establishments may not use spuds:
 - (a) In sections of the waterway where using of spuds is generally prohibited;
 - (b) In sectors marked by the sign A.6.1 (annex 7); the prohibition then applies on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed.
 2. In sections where using of spuds is prohibited under the provisions of paragraph 1 (a) above, vessels, assemblies of floating material and floating establishments may use spuds only in sectors marked by the sign E.6.1 (annex 7) and only on the side of the waterway on which the sign is placed.
5. With this new paragraph two new signs should be included into CEVNI:
- A.6.1 No use of spuds (see article 7.03a)
 - E.6.1 Use of spuds (see article 7.03a) is permitted