Amendment proposals to CEVNI

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A. Chapter 4

1. The requirement of article 4.05, paragraph 1, that every radiotelephone installation carried on board shall conform to the Regional Arrangement should not only be valid for vessels, but also for floating establishments and assemblies of floating material. They do not need to be equipped with radiotelephone installations, but if they are equipped, the installation has to conform to the Regional Arrangement.

Proposal:

Replace “carried on board a vessel” with “carried on board a vessel, an assembly of floating material or a floating establishment” in article 4.05, paragraph 1.

2. Article 4.07, paragraph 4 (m) requires the transmission of the position accuracy (GNSS/DGNSS). But the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63) is only providing the possibility to transmit high or low position accuracy. It is not possible to specify whether the position accuracy has been derived from GNSS or DGNSS. It is possible to reach a high position accuracy without DGNSS.

Proposal:

Delete “(GNSS/DGNSS)” in Article 4.07, paragraph 4 (m).

3. Article 4.07, paragraph 4 (n) requires the transmission of the type of Electronic Position Fixing Device (e.g. GPS, Galileo, GLONASS) by Inland AIS. But the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63) does not provide any possibility to transmit this information.

Proposal:

Delete Article 4.07, paragraph 4 (n).

B. Chapter 10

4. Article 10.01, paragraph 1 (a) and (b) and paragraph 2 (a) and (d) are using the word “generated”, while paragraph 1 (c), (g) and (h) and paragraph 2 (b) are using the word “occurring”. The word “generated” is also used in article 10.04, paragraph 2 and 3, article 10.06, paragraphs 1 and 2, and article 10.08. The wording should be aligned to prevent contradictions.
Proposal:

Replace the word “occurring” with “generated” in article 10.01 paragraph 1 (c), (g) and (h) and paragraph 2 (b).

5. According to article 10.06, paragraph 1, “all motorized vessels shall carry on board a valid used oil log”. The CEVNI expert group decided at its twenty-sixth meeting to amend the text: “All motorized vessels, excluding small craft, shall carry on board a valid used oil log”.

According to the definitions in article 1.01, part I, No. 2, the term “motorized vessel” means any craft using its own mechanical means of propulsion, except craft whose engines are used only to cover short distances (in harbours or at loading and unloading points) or to make them easier to handle while being towed or pushed. A vessel that is not using its own propulsion (e.g. a vessel with engines that is coupled alongside a motorized vessel and is not using its own engines does not have to follow the rules for “motorized vessels”, but is treated like a pushed barge in CEVNI. Berthing vessels are also no “motorized vessels”.

Vessels that are not using their propulsion engines at the moment and pushed barges with bow thrusters do therefore not need to carry a used oil log on board.

Article 10.07 is also using the term “motorized vessel”. It is, therefore, not mandatory to exercise vigilance during filling operations on barges with bow thrusters and on vessels with engines that are not in operation.

The German versions of CDNI and the Rhine Police Regulations are using the terms „Fahrzeug mit Maschinenantrieb“ in general and „motorgetriebenes Fahrzeug“ regarding the used oil log. Although the two terms have literally the same meaning, they are defined differently.

The French version is, however, using the same term in both cases (« bâtiment motorisé »). It is not easy to find different terms in all languages. The easiest solution is, therefore, to introduce a specific definition for the term “motorized vessel” in chapter 10 in accordance with the definition in CDNI.

Proposal:

Add the following definition in article 10.01, paragraph 2:

English version:

(c) "motorized vessel" a vessel whose main or auxiliary engines with the exception of the engines of the anchor winches are combustion engines.

French version:

(c) « bâtiment motorisé » : bâtiment dont les moteurs principaux ou auxiliaires, à l'exclusion des moteurs des guindeaux d'ancre, sont des moteurs à combustion interne.