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Working Party on the Standardization of Technical  
and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

Thirty-fifth session  
Geneva, 3-5 June 2009

**ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION**<sup>1, 2</sup>

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva  
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 3 June 2009

**I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI).

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- (a) Amendments to Chapter 1, “General Provisions”;
  - (b) Amendments to Chapter 2, “Marks and Draught Scales on Vessels; Tonnage Measurement”;
  - (c) Amendments to Chapter 3 “Visual Signals (Marking) on Vessels”;
  - (d) Amendments to Chapter 4, “Sound signals on vessels - radiotelephony”;
  - (e) Amendments to Chapter 5, “Waterway Signs and Marking”;
  - (f) Amendments to Chapter 6, “Rules of the Road”;
  - (g) Amendments to Chapter 7, “Berthing Rules”;
  - (h) Amendments to Chapter 8, “Transport of Dangerous Goods”;
  - (i) Amendments to Chapter 9, “Prevention of Pollution of Water and Disposal of Waste Occurring on Board Vessels”;
  - (j) Chapter 9, “Regional and National Special Requirements”;
  - (k) Amendments to Annexes to CEVNI.
3. Resolution No. 31, “Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster’s Licences in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic”:
    - (a) Results of the impact assessment on harmonization of the boatmaster’s certificates in Inland Waterway Transport across the European Union;
    - (b) Amendments to Resolution No. 31;
    - (c) Local knowledge requirements existing in the UNECE Region.
  4. Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”.
  5. Resolution No. 25, “Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also suited for carrying Disabled Persons”.
  6. Resolution No. 40, “International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft”.
  7. Creation of the European network for exchanges on national educational programmes and vocational training in inland navigation.
  8. Other business.
  9. Dates of the next sessions.
  10. Adoption of the report.

## **II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

### **Item 1 Adoption of the agenda**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/69

1. In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda.

**Item 2 European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI)**

2. The Working Party may wish to finalize its work on the revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways, initiated at its thirty-fourth session, based on the comparison between CEVNI and relevant regulations from River Commissions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2008/6) and the proposals prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI.

**(a) Amendments to Chapter 1, “General Provisions”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/15/Rev.1

3. The Working Party may wish to recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the final draft of the amendment proposals to Chapter 1 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, para. 10).

**(b) Amendments to Chapter 2, “Marks and Draught Scales on Vessels; Tonnage Measurement”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/16/Rev.1

4. The Working Party may wish to recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the final draft of the amendment proposals to Chapter 2 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, para. 11).

**(c) Amendments to Chapter 3, “Visual Signals (Marking) on Vessels”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/3/Rev.1

5. The Working Party may wish to recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the final draft of the amendment proposals to Chapter 3 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, paras. 12-15).

**(d) Amendments to Chapter 4, “Sound signals on vessels - radiotelephony”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/4/Rev.1

6. The Working Party may wish to recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the final draft of the amendment proposals to Chapter 4 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, para. 16).

**(e) Amendments to Chapter 5, “Waterway Signs and Marking”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/5/Rev.1

7. The Working Party may wish to recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the final draft of the amendment proposals to Chapter 5 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, para. 17).

**(f) Amendments to Chapter 6, “Rules of the Road”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/6/Rev.1

8. The Working Party may wish to recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the final draft of the amendment proposals to Chapter 6 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, paras. 18-19).

**(g) Amendments to Chapter 7, “Berthing Rules”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/15

9. The Working Party may wish to consider and recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the amendment proposals to Chapter 7 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI.

**(h) Amendments to Chapter 8, “Transport of Dangerous Goods”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/16

10. The Working Party may wish to consider and recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the amendment proposals to Chapter 8 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI.

**(i) Amendments to Chapter 9, “Prevention of Pollution of Water and Disposal of Waste Occurring on Board Vessels”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/17

11. The Working Party may wish to consider and recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the amendment proposals to Chapter 9 of CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI.

**(j) Chapter 9, “Regional and National Special Requirements”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/18

12. The Working Party may wish to consider and recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the new chapter 9 on “Regional and National Special Requirements”, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI in accordance with the decisions made at the thirty-fourth session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, para. 8).

13. The Working Party may also wish to consider the draft status document on CEVNI, prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the decision of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, para. 8), and invite Governments and River Commissions to submit all relevant information to the secretariat for the submission of the status document as official documentation for the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

**(k) Amendments to Annexes to CEVNI**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/19

14. The Working Party may wish to consider and recommend the adoption by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the amendment proposals to annexes to CEVNI, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI.

**Item 3 Resolution No. 31, “Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster’s Licenses in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic”**

15. The Working Party may wish to proceed with finalizing the revision of Recommendation No. 31, based on the work undertaken by the secretariat in accordance with the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, paras. 22-24). In doing so the Working Party may wish to take into account the current activities of the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport of the European Commission in the area of harmonization of the boatmaster’s certificates in Inland Waterway Transport across the European Union.

**(a) Results of the impact assessment on harmonization of the boatmaster's certificates in Inland Waterway Transport across the European Union**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/20

16. At its thirty-first session, the Working Party took note of the impact assessment study, aimed at identifying the best policy option that would lead to the legislative harmonization of boatmaster’s certificates across the EU, planned by the European Commission (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para. 14). The secretariat informed the Working Party about the progress of the study at the thirty-fourth session and was requested to report on its results at the thirty-fifth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, para. 25). The Working Party may wish to take note of the secretariat’s report on this issue and discuss the implications of these developments for the revision of Resolution No. 31.

**(b) Amendments to Resolution No. 31**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/8/Rev.1

17. The Working Party may wish to consider and recommend the adoption by the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport of the draft revised Resolution No. 31 on “Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster’s Licenses in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic”.

**(c) Local knowledge requirements existing in the UNECE Region**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/21

18. At its thirty-fourth session, the Working Party approved the draft questionnaire aimed at collecting information on the local knowledge required for the recognition of boatmaster’s licences, prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the recommendations of the SC.3 group of volunteer experts on the mutual recognition of boatmaster’s licences. The Working Party requested the secretariat to circulate the questionnaire to member States and River Commissions and to present the preliminary results of this survey to the next session of SC.3/WP.3

(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, paras. 26-27). The Working Party may wish to consider the information compiled by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/21) and instruct the secretariat on the modalities of its presentation at the fifty-third session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

**Item 4 Resolution No. 61, “Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels”**

19. The Working Party will be informed about the activities of the Group of volunteer experts on Resolution No. 61, organized in accordance with the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/68, paras. 31-32).

**Item 5 Resolution No. 25, “Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also suited for carrying Disabled Persons”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/22

20. It is recalled that, following the request of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport at its thirty-third session, the Working Party reviewed Resolution No. 25 entitled “Guidelines for Passenger Vessels also suited for carrying Disabled Persons” and agreed that the resolution needed to be revised in view of the more recent provisions of Resolution No. 61, Administrative Instructions No. 22 to annex II of EC Directive 2006/87/EC, as well as the legislation adopted by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, para. 28). The Working Party may wish to consider the draft of the revised Resolution, prepared by the secretariat according to the instructions received from the Working Party.

**Item 6 Resolution No. 40, “International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft”**

Documentation: ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/23

21. It is recalled that at its thirty-third session, the Working Party recommended that the fifty-second session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport should approve the proposal to amend Resolution with the aim to enable Administrations to deliver the international certificates (ICCs) for operators of pleasure crafts to operators others than their nationals and residents. The Working Party also supported the proposal to create an annex to the resolution listing the competent bodies delivering ICCs. (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, para. 21). At its fifty-second session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport took note of these recommendations and considered that additional work on the wording of the amendments should take place to alleviate concerns of some countries on the new scope of the resolution (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/181, paras. 45-46).

22. The Working Party will be informed about the progress in finalizing the amendments to Resolution No. 40 and preparing the annex on the competent bodies delivering ICCs.

**Item 7 Creation of the European network for exchanges on national educational programmes and vocational training in inland navigation**

23. It is recalled that, in accordance with Resolution No. 258 of UNECE Inland Transport Committee, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport included in its programme of work the establishment, jointly with River Commissions, of a European network aimed at the facilitation of exchanges on national educational programmes and vocational training in inland navigation

(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para. 34). In this context, the Working Party will be presented with the overview of the Inland waterway transport educational network (EDINNA) with the support of the Platform for the implementation of NAIADES (PLATINA).

**Item 8 Other business**

24. At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there are no proposals under this item.

**Item 9 Dates of the next sessions**

25. The Working Party may wish to approve the preliminary dates for its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh session in 2009.

**Item 10 Adoption of the report**

26. In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report of its thirty-fifth session on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the secretariat.

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