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European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI)

Status of amendments to CEVNI

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. At its fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) considered the amendment proposals to the fourth revised edition of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI)(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4), finalized by the thirty-seventh and thirty-ninth sessions of Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/74, para. 12 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/78, paras. 8–13). In accordance with its decision on the procedure for introducing amendments to CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/183, para. 13), SC.3 approved, in principle, the proposed amendments as pending amendments to CEVNI to be adopted with the next substantial revision of the code (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/187, para. 23 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/191, para. 30).

2. The list of all the pending amendments to CEVNI, approved by SC.3, is reproduced below. The Working Party may wish to take them into account when preparing further amendments to the fourth revised edition of CEVNI.

II. Amendments to the fourth revised edition of CEVNI, adopted by the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of SC.3

A. Amendment to the text of Resolution No. 24

3. Update the text of the 1985 Resolution No. 24 reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.4 and *issue* a new number to the resolution during the next revision.

B. Amendment to Chapter 1

4. Supplement article 1.01 c) with a new definition 7 as follows:

The term “peal of a bell” means two strokes of a bell.

5. *Add* a new definition 14 bis to para. d) of Article 1.01 as follows:

On canals, lakes and broad waterways the competent authorities shall decide on the matter in light of local conditions. However, it is recommended that for canals, the terms “right” and “left” should be defined as meaning to the right and to the left respectively of an observer facing the direction in which the numbers indicated on successive kilometer markings increase.

6. *Add* a new definition 14 ter to para. d) of Article 1.01 as follows:

The designations “right-hand side” and “left-hand side” of the waterway or fairway are understood to be for an observer facing downstream. On canals, lakes and broad waterways, the terms “right-hand side” and “left-hand side” shall be defined by the competent authorities.

7. *Modify* paragraph 5 of article 1.10 as follows:

5. However, the ship’s certificate and the measurement certificate do not need to be carried on board a pushed barge to which is affixed a metal **or plastic** plate conforming to the following model:

<p>Official identification number No. Unique European vessel identification number :</p> <p>Ship’s certificate No.:</p> <p>Competent authority:</p> <p>Expiry date:</p>

These particulars shall be engraved or stamped **or permanently printed** in easily legible characters not less than 6 mm high. The metal plate shall be not less than 60 mm high and 120 mm long; it shall be permanently affixed in a prominent place towards the stern of the barge on the starboard side.

The conformity of the particulars given on the plate to those in the barge’s ship’s certificate shall be certified by the competent authority, whose stamp shall be applied to the plate. The ship’s certificate and measurement certificate shall be kept by the ~~owner~~ **operator** of the barge.

C. Amendments to Chapter 2

8. In paragraph 1 (c) of article 2.01, *for* official identification number *substitute* unique European vessel identification number.

D. Amendments to Chapter 3

9. At the beginning of paragraph 3 (c) of article 3.01 add "If not prescribed otherwise".
10. Supplement paragraph 3 of article 3.12 with
- By night: the lights according to paragraph 1 and one masthead light instead of the lights according to paragraph 2.

E. Amendments to Chapter 4

11. In the reference to annex 10 of para. 1 (a) of Article 4.06 *for* in annex 10 *substitute* in Part III of Appendix 7 to the annex of Resolution No. 61, "Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels".

F. Amendments to Chapter 6

12. Amend article 6.01 as follows:
- (a) *Amend* the title of article 6.01 to read:
- Definitions and scope of application
- (b) *Add* a new paragraph 2
2. Unless otherwise indicated, for the purpose of this chapter, the rules applicable to vessels also apply to convoys.
13. In paragraph 2 of article 6.03
- (i) *for* visual signals *substitute* visual or sound signals;
- (ii) In the last part of the sentence *for* by the towed vessel at the head of convoy *substitute* by the vessel at the head of convoy.

G. Amendment to Annex 3

14. Supplement signs 66 "Boarding prohibited" and 67 "Prohibition to smoke or use an unprotected light or flame" *with* the following sketches 1 and 2 from Appendix 3 of Resolution No. 61, "Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels", respectively, thus providing for possible alternative markings:

Sketch 1
No access for
unauthorized
persons



Colours: red/white/black

Sketch 2
No naked lights or
fires and no smoking



Colours: red/white/black

H. Amendment to Annex 6

15. At the end of section III of Annex 6 *add* the following definition:

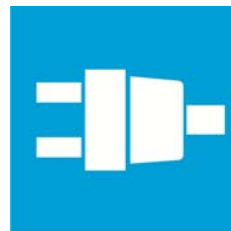
The term “peal of a bell” means two strokes of a bell.

16. *Add* “and Belarus” at the end of a footnote to a sound signal “Do not approach” in Section A.

I. Amendment to Annex 7

17. *Add* the following sign under “Informative signs and marking”:

E.25 Electrical power supply available



18. *Add* the following sign under “Informative signs and marking”:

E.26 Winter harbour



19. Add the following sign under “Informative signs and marking”:

E.26.1 Maximum number of vessels permitted to berth in winter harbour



20. Add the following sign under “Informative signs and marking”:

E.27 Winter shelter



21. Add the following sign under “Informative signs and marking”:

E.27.1 Maximum number of vessels permitted to berth in winter shelter

Maximum number of vessels permitted to berth abreast

Maximum number of rows of vessels which are berthed abreast



J. Amendment to Annex 8

22. Modify the illustration of a yellow flashing light for marking of cross-overs in Part III of Annex 8 as shown:

