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**AMENDMENTS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON HARMONIZED  
EUROPE-WIDE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION  
VESSELS (ANNEX TO RESOLUTION NO. 61)**

Chapter 2, "Procedure and rules for the inspection of inland navigation vessels"

Amendments to Section 2.7, "Official Number"

Note by the secretariat

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. The Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its fiftieth session asked the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) to prepare amendments to section 2-7 "official number" in order to harmonize its content with the forthcoming provisions on unique European Identification Number of the EC Directive 2006/87/06 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/174, para. 39). During its thirty-first session in June 2007, SC.3/WP.3 took note of the latest proposal on the revision of Articles 2.17 and 2.18 of the Directive under consideration by the EU member states and asked the

secretariat to prepare, based on the proposal, a draft of the revised section 2.7 for the SC.3 fifty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/62, para.19).

2. At its fifty-first session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport considered the draft (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2007/3), noting that the proposed amendments to the EC Directive 2006/87/EC had not yet been adopted. It also discussed whether the official number should remain invariable throughout the existence of the vessel with no exception, which would entail deleting the second and the third phrases in point 2-7.3. The Working Party on Inland Water Transport asked SC.3/WP.3 to reconsider these draft changes to section 2-7 with particular attention to point 2-7.3 and to prepare a new document for its next session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/178, para. 17).

3. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the draft changes to section 2-7, proposed in part II of this document, which were prepared on the basis of the comments regarding point 2-7.3 received from Governments. In doing so, it may also wish to take note of the latest proposal of the requirements of Annex II of the Directive and of the Rhine Vessel Inspection Regulation concerning the European vessel number, prepared by the EC/CCNR Joint Working Group, reproduced in the annex to the document.

4. The proposal to rename section 2-7 as “Unique European Identification Number” in order to ensure consistency with other international documents on this subject, approved at the thirty-second session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para.10), has been incorporated in the document. Additional comments from Governments regarding point 2-7.3 are presented in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2008/18.

## II. DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 2-7

5. To modify section 2-7 “Official Number” as follows (Additions to the original text are highlighted in bold and the text to eliminate is highlighted in strike-through):

### “2-7 UNIQUE EUROPEAN IDENTIFICATION ~~OFFICIAL~~ NUMBER

2-7.1 The competent authority issuing a certificate shall enter on that certificate the official number assigned to that vessel by the competent authority of the State in which the vessel has been registered or has its home port.

2- 7.2 The official number shall consist of eight Arabic numerals, as follows:

The first ~~two or three~~ digits shall indicate the ~~country and place where the official number was assigned~~ **competent authority of the State in which the vessel has been registered or has its home port and which assigned the number**. For this purpose the following key shall apply:

001-019	France
020-039	Netherlands
040-059	Germany
060-069	Belgium
070-079	Switzerland
<del>83</del>	<del>Poland</del>
<del>86</del>	<del>Hungary</del>

~~88 — Romania~~  
~~89 — Bulgaria~~  
~~91 — United States of America~~  
~~92 — Russian Federation~~  
~~93 — Ukraine~~  
~~94 — Slovakia~~  
~~95 — Czech Republic~~  
~~96 — Croatia~~  
~~97 — Serbia~~  
~~98 — Republic of Moldova~~  
~~99 — Other states~~

**080-099 reserved for craft from countries that are not party to the Mannheim Convention and for which a Rhine Vessel certificate has been issued before 01.04.2007**

~~100-119 Denmark Norway~~  
~~120-139 Finland Denmark~~  
~~140-159 Greece United Kingdom and Northern Ireland~~  
~~160-179 Ireland~~  
**160-169 Iceland**  
**170-179 Ireland**  
~~180-199 Italy~~  
**180-189 Portugal**  
**190-199 reserved**  
~~200-219 Luxembourg~~  
~~220-239 Austria Finland~~  
~~240-259 Portugal Poland~~  
~~260-279 Sweden~~  
**260-269 Estonia**  
**270-279 Lithuania**  
~~280-299 Spain~~  
**280-289 Latvia**  
**290-299 reserved**  
~~300-319 United Kingdom and Northern Ireland~~  
**300-309 Austria**  
**310-319 Liechtenstein**  
**320-329 Czech Republic**  
**330-339 Slovakia**  
**340-349 Hungary**  
**350-359 Croatia**  
**360-369 Serbia**  
**370-379 Bosnia and Herzegovina**  
**380-399 Hungary**  
**400-419 Russian Federation**  
**420-439 Ukraine**  
**440-449 Belarus**

<b>450-459</b>	<b>Republic of Moldova</b>
<b>460-469</b>	<b>Romania</b>
<b>470-479</b>	<b>Bulgaria</b>
<b>480-489</b>	<b>Georgia</b>
<b>490-499</b>	<b>reserved</b>
<b>500-519</b>	<b>Turkey</b>
<b>520-539</b>	<b>Greece</b>
<b>540-549</b>	<b>Cyprus</b>
<b>550-559</b>	<b>Albania</b>
<b>560-569</b>	<b>The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</b>
<b>570-579</b>	<b>Slovenia</b>
<b>580-589</b>	<b>Montenegro</b>
<b>590-599</b>	<b>reserved</b>
<b>600-619</b>	<b>Italy</b>
<b>620-639</b>	<b>Spain</b>
<b>640-649</b>	<b>Andorra</b>
<b>650-659</b>	<b>Malta</b>
<b>660-669</b>	<b>Monaco</b>
<b>670-679</b>	<b>San Marino</b>
<b>680-699</b>	<b>reserved</b>
<b>700-719</b>	<b>Sweden</b>
<b>720-739</b>	<b>Canada</b>
<b>740-759</b>	<b>United States of America</b>
<b>760-769</b>	<b>Israel</b>
<b>770-799</b>	<b>reserved</b>
<b>800-809</b>	<b>Azerbaijan</b>
<b>810-819</b>	<b>Kazakhstan</b>
<b>820-829</b>	<b>Kyrgyzstan</b>
<b>830-839</b>	<b>Tajikistan</b>
<b>840-849</b>	<b>Turkmenistan</b>
<b>850-859</b>	<b>Uzbekistan</b>
<b>860-869</b>	<b>Iran</b>
<b>870-999</b>	<b>reserved</b>

The next five ~~or six~~ digits of the official number shall indicate the serial number in the register kept by the competent authority.

2-7.3 The official number shall remain invariable throughout the existence of the vessel. However, if that vessel is registered in another State or if its home port is transferred there, the official number shall no longer be valid. The ship's certificate shall then be submitted to a competent authority on the inspection of vessels which shall delete the official number that has ceased to be valid and, if necessary, shall enter the new official number."

Annex

THE AGREED TEXT<sup>1/</sup> FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANNEX II OF THE DIRECTIVE  
AND OF THE RHINE VESSEL INSPECTION REGULATION CONCERNING THE  
EUROPEAN VESSEL NUMBER ACCORDING TO THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE CCNR/EC  
JOINT WORKING GROUP MEETING OF 29 OCTOBER 2007

**Annex II of the European Directive on Technical Provisions  
for Inland navigation Vessels**

**1. Articles 2.17 and 2.18 are to be changed as follows:**

**"Article 2.17**

**Register of Community certificates**

1. Competent authorities shall assign an order number to the Community certificates they issue.  
  
They shall keep a register in accordance with the model set out in Annex VI of all the Community certificates they issue.
2. Competent authorities shall keep the original, or a copy of all the Community certificates they have issued, shall enter on these any information and alterations, together with any Community certificate cancellations and replacements, and shall update the register set out in section 1 accordingly.
3. In order to perform administrative measures for maintaining safety and ease of navigation and for implementation of Articles 2.02 to 2.15 read only access to the register in accordance with the model set out in Annex VI will be granted to competent authorities of other Member States, Contracting States of the Mannheim Convention and, as far as an equivalent level of privacy is guaranteed, to third countries on the basis of administrative agreements.

**Article 2.18**

**European Vessel Identification Number**

1. The unique European Vessel Identification Number (ENI), in the following referred to as European Vessel Identification Number, consists of eight Arabic numerals according to Appendix III.
2. The competent authority having issued a Community certificate shall enter on that Community certificate the European Vessel Identification Number. Unless the craft possesses a European Vessel Identification Number at the time of issue of the Community Certificate it shall be assigned to that craft by the competent authority of the Member State in which the craft has been registered or has its home port.

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<sup>1/</sup> Reservation made by the delegation of German.

As far as craft from countries where an assignation of a European Vessel Identification Number is not possible are concerned the European Vessel Identification Number to be entered on the Community certificate shall be assigned by the competent authority issuing that Community certificate.

3. Only one single European Vessel Identification Number can be assigned to one craft. The European Vessel Identification Number is issued only once and remains unchanged throughout the whole lifetime of the craft.
4. The owner of a craft, or his representative, shall apply to the competent authorities for assignment of the European Vessel Identification Number. The owner or his representative shall also be responsible for affixing the European Vessel Identification Number entered in the Community certificate to the craft.
5. The Member States shall notify the competent authorities responsible for assigning the European Vessel Identification Number to the European Commission. The European Commission keeps a register of competent authorities, including competent authorities notified by third countries, and makes it available to the Member States. On request this register is also made available to competent authorities of third countries.
6. The competent authorities responsible for assigning the European Vessel Identification Number make all necessary arrangements in order to inform all competent authorities responsible for assigning the European Vessel Identification Number of each newly assigned European Vessel Identification Number as well of data necessary for the identification of the vessel in accordance with Appendix IV. These data may be made available to competent authorities of other Member States, Contracting States of the Mannheim Convention and, as far as an equivalent level of privacy is guaranteed, to third countries on the basis of administrative agreements in order to perform administrative measures for maintaining safety and ease of navigation and for implementation of Articles 2.02 to 2.15 and Article 2.18 section 3."

**2. After Appendix II a new Appendix III is inserted as follows:**

**"Appendix III**

**Model of the European Vessel Identification Number**

A	A	A	x	x	x	x	x
Code of competent authority that assigns the European Vessel Identification Number			Serial Number				

AAA three digit code of the competent authority according to the following number ranges

xxxxx five digit serial number

## Number Ranges for Competent Authorities

001-019 France

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040-059 Germany

060-069 Belgium

070-079 Switzerland

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100-119 Norway

120-139 Denmark

140-159 United Kingdom

160-169 Iceland

170-179 Ireland

180-189 Portugal

190-199 reserved

200-219 Luxembourg

220-239 Finland

240-259 Poland

260-269 Estonia

270-279 Lithuania

280-289 Latvia

290-299 reserved

300-309 Austria

310-319 Liechtenstein

320-329 Czech Republic

330-339 Slovakia

340-349 reserved

350-359 Croatia

360-369 Serbia

370-379 Bosnia and Herzegovina

380-399 Hungary

400-419 Russian Federation

420-439 Ukraine

440-449 Belarus

450-459 Republic of Moldova

460-469 Romania

470-479 Bulgaria

480-489 Georgia

490-499 reserved

500-519 Turkey  
520-539 Greece  
540-549 Cyprus  
550-559 Albania  
560-569 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia  
570-579 Slovenia  
580-589 Montenegro  
590-599 reserved  
600-619 Italy  
620-639 Spain  
640-649 Andorra  
650-659 Malta  
660-669 Monaco  
670-679 San Marino  
680-699 reserved  
700-719 Sweden  
720-739 Canada  
740-759 United States of America  
760-769 Israel  
770-799 reserved  
800-809 Azerbaijan  
810-819 Kazakhstan  
820-829 Kyrgyzstan  
830-839 Tajikistan  
840-849 Turkmenistan  
850-859 Uzbekistan  
860-869 Iran  
870-999 reserved"

**3. After Appendix III a new Appendix IV is inserted as follows:**

**"Appendix IV**

**Data necessary for the Identification of a Vessel**

1. Unique European Vessel Identification Number according to Article 2.18 (Annex V, Part 1, Section 3 and Annex VI, 5<sup>th</sup> Column)
2. Name of the Vessel (Annex V, Part 1, Section 1 and Annex VI, 4<sup>th</sup> Column)
3. Type of Craft according to Article 1.01 (Annex V, Part 1, Section 2)
4. Length over all according to Article 1.01 Section 70 (Annex V, Part 1, Section 17a)
5. Breadth over all according to Article 1.01 Section 73 (Annex V, Part 1, Section 18a)
6. Draught according to Article 1.01 Section 76 (Annex V, Part 1, Section 19)



7. Source of Data = Community Certificate
8. Deadweight (Annex V, Part 1, Section 21 and Annex VI, 11<sup>th</sup> Column) for cargo vessels
9. Displacement according to Article 1.01 Section 60 (Annex V, Part 1, Section 21 and Annex VI, 11<sup>th</sup> Column) for vessels other than cargo vessels
10. Operator
11. Issuing Authority (Annex V, Part 1 and Annex VI)
12. Number of Community Certificate (Annex V, Part 1 and Annex VI, 1<sup>st</sup> Column)
13. Expiration Date (Annex V, Part 1, Section 11 and Annex VI, 17<sup>th</sup> Column)
14. Creator of Dataset

As far as available the following data shall be provided additionally for purposes of Directive 2005/44/EC on harmonised river information services (RIS) on inland waterways in the Community:

1. National number
2. Type of Craft in accordance with the Technical Specification for Electronic Ship Reporting in inland navigation
3. Single or double hull according to ADN/ADNR
4. Height according to Article 1.01 No. 75
5. Gross tonnage (for maritime vessels)
6. IMO Number (for maritime vessels)
7. Call Sign (for maritime vessels)
8. MMSI Number
9. ATIS Code
10. Type, Number, issuing authority and expiration date of other certificates"

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