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

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-second session^{*,**}

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
14 February 2018

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Election of officers.
3. Outcome of the sixty-first session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
4. Workshop “Autonomous shipping in inland navigation”.

* For reasons of economy, delegates are requested to bring copies of all relevant documents to the session. There will be no documentation available in the conference room. Before the session, documents may be downloaded from the UNECE Sustainable Transport Division's website http://www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2018.html. During the session, official documents may be obtained from the UNOG Documents Distribution Section (Room C.337, third floor, Palais des Nations).

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5. Inland waterways infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN);
 - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”);
 - (c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revision 2);
 - (d) Map of the European Inland Waterway Network (Resolution No. 30).
6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revision 5);
 - (b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revision 2);
 - (c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised).
7. Third meeting of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport.
8. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation.
9. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) and other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation:
 - (a) Outcome of the RIS Week (20-24 November 2017, Bratislava);
 - (b) Updating UNECE Resolutions of relevance to RIS;
 - (c) Cooperation with the GIS Forum Danube.
10. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) Activities of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation;
 - (b) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40;
 - (c) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (Resolution No. 52, revised).
11. Other business.
12. Adoption of the report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation, hereafter the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3, may wish to adopt the agenda of its fifty-second session on the basis of the provisional agenda supplemented by the list of working and informal documents as set out in Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2018).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/103, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 1 (2018)

2. Election of officers

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party may wish to elect a Chair and, possibly, a Vice-Chair for its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions.

3. Outcome of the sixty-first session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) at its sixty-first session (4-6 October 2017).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205

4. Workshop “Autonomous shipping in inland navigation”

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-first session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205, para. 95), the Working Party is invited to take part in the workshop on autonomous shipping in inland navigation. It will be dedicated to recent developments in smart shipping and autonomous vessels, including the regulatory framework, the maritime experience and projects in this field, inland waterway applications, and related issues.

Participants are invited to take part in the round table discussions on opportunities and challenges of autonomous shipping for the inland water transport sector and issues for further consideration.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/1

5. Inland waterways infrastructure

(a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN)

At its sixty-first session, SC.3 adopted a package of amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/3) and requested the secretariat to transmit them to the depositary (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205, para. 34). The Working Party will be informed about the current status of these amendments.

Member States may wish to inform the Working Party about progress in the implementation of AGN.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/1

(b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”)

The Working Party may wish to consider the amendments to the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (“Blue Book”) that were proposed by Ukraine (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/10) and decide as appropriate.

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on the current progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/10

(c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, revision 2)

The Working Party will be informed about the adoption of the second revision of the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network at the sixty-first session of SC.3 as Resolution No. 87, which is available on the SC.3 web page¹ (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205, para. 38).

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the outcome of consultations between the secretariat and the European Commission on mainstreaming Resolution No. 49 with Regulation (EU) No. 1315/2013.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/9

(d) Map of the European Inland Waterway Network (Resolution No. 30)

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the preparation of the updated map of the European Inland Waterway Network in accordance with Resolution No. 30. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to give comments and provide guidance to the secretariat on this issue.

6. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (Resolution No. 24, revision 5)

The Working Party will be informed about the adoption of amendments to CEVNI, revision 5, at the sixty-first session of SC.3 as Resolution No. 88, which is available on the SC.3 web page (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205, paras. 42-43).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider and approve the draft amendments to CEVNI proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its twenty-sixth meeting (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/2).

¹ www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/sc3res.html.

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the twenty-seventh meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group (13 February 2018).

Following the decision at its forty-eighth session to issue a publication on the implementation of CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/96, para. 34), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the document prepared by the consultant (ECE/TRANS/2018/15) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/7,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/2, ECE/TRANS/2018/15

(b) Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI) (Resolution No. 22, revision 2)

At its sixty-first session, SC.3 began considering the third revision of SIGNI. A number of amendments were introduced to the draft. Adoption was postponed to the next session of SC.3 after transmission of the draft to the CEVNI Expert Group for consideration (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205, paras. 46-47). The revised draft, modified according to the decisions of SC.3, is issued as ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11/Rev.1. The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on the draft and take note of conclusions of the CEVNI Expert Group at its twenty-seventh meeting.

The Working Party may wish to consider a draft chapter of SIGNI “Regional and national special requirements” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/3), prepared by the secretariat on the basis of the answers of member States and River Commissions to the questionnaire (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/12) and decide as appropriate. Member States and River Commissions, who have not yet submitted answers to the questionnaire, may wish to provide information at the session.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider updating of Annex 1 “Rhythmic lights” on the basis of Recommendation E-110 “Rhythmic Characters of Lights on Aids to Navigation” of the International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), Edition 4.0 of December 2016, as reproduced in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/4.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/108/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/11 and Rev.1,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/12, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/3,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/4

(c) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (Resolution No. 61, revised)

The Working Party may wish to take note of the report of the tenth meeting of the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 (2-3 October 2017, Geneva) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/5).

The Working Party may wish to approve the amendment proposals to Resolution No. 61:

- A new section 8B-4 “Requirements concerning equipment for the treatment of domestic waste water”, as amended at the tenth meeting of the Group, and Appendix 8 “On-board sewage treatment plants — Supplementary provisions and certificate models” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/5);
- Proposal for amending Chapter 23 and Appendix 2 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9);
- Proposal for amending section 2-7.1 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/5);

- Draft Chapter 19B “Specific requirements applicable to craft navigating on zone 4” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/5).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the need for introducing transitional and final provisions for vessels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/15) with due regard of the proposal of the Group of Volunteers and decide as appropriate.

The Working Party may wish to consider the proposals for harmonizing the technical prescriptions for inland vessels in Resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/6) and provide guidance to the secretariat and the Group of Volunteers on Resolution No. 61 as appropriate.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of the finalization of the Russian language text of ES-TRIN Edition 2015 by the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to decide to start preparing the consolidated version of Resolution No. 61 on the basis of the adopted amendments, as recommended by SC.3/WP.3 at its forty-ninth session.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the information about provisions for port and harbour vessels transmitted by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/7).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.1 and Amends.1-4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2015/9, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/14, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/5, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/7, Informal document SC.3 No. 3 (2017), Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 7 (2017), Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 2 (2018)

7. Third meeting of the ad hoc group for the preparation of the Global Conference on Inland Water Transport

The Working Party will be informed about the progress reached in the preparation for the International Conference on Inland Water Transport (18-19 April 2018, Wrocław (Poland)) and related matters.

The ad hoc group will be invited to continue discussion of the first draft Ministerial Declaration prepared based on comments from member States and River Commissions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/8).

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to provide guidance to the ad hoc group on further actions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/19, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/8

8. Mutual recognition of boatmasters' certificates and professional requirements in inland navigation

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about progress reached in the adoption of a new directive of the European Union on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and related issues.

9. Promotion of River Information Services (RIS) and other Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in inland navigation

(a) Outcome of the RIS Week (20-24 November 2017, Bratislava)

The Working Party will be informed about the main decisions taken by the International Expert Groups at the RIS Week held in Bratislava.

(b) Updating UNECE Resolutions of relevance to RIS

The Working Party will be informed about the current status and updates to the Recommendations on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (Inland ECDIS) (Resolution No. 48), the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (VTT) (Resolution No. 63), the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (Resolution No. 79) and the International Standard for Notices to Skippers (Resolution No. 80). Based on this progress, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider updating Resolutions Nos. 48, 63, 79 and 80 in cooperation with the International RIS Expert Groups.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by Governments and River Commissions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2016/6/Rev.1

(c) Cooperation with the GIS Forum Danube

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the Danube Information Services Conference — DISC-17 with the topic “GIS for RIS” (5-6 December 2017, Ruse (Bulgaria)).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2017/20

10. Recreational navigation

(a) Activities of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the outcome of the second meeting of the Informal Working Group on recreational navigation (12-13 February 2018, Geneva).

The Working Party may wish to note that the Informal Working Group at its first meeting had decided to bring to the attention of SC.3 to the following issues: (a) assistance in developing CEVNI tests to those Governments which have not implemented CEVNI or do not have navigable inland waterways, and (b) the terms and limitations imposed by Governments when issuing ICC, including restrictions on the size or type of boat

(ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205, para. 82). SC.3/WP.3 may wish to exchange opinions on these topics and decide as appropriate.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to propose other issues for the agenda of the Informal Working Group within its Terms of Reference.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2017/20

(b) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, fourth revision) and the Guidelines to Resolution No. 40

The Working Party will be informed about the adoption of amendments to Resolution No. 40, revision 4, at the sixty-first session of SC.3 as Resolution No. 89, which is available on the SC.3 web page (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205, para. 85).

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed that the revised Guidelines to Resolution No. 40, adopted at the sixty-first session of SC.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/205, para. 88), are now available on the SC.3 web page.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to note the progress reached in the development of the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amend.1

(c) European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (Resolution No. 52, revised)

The Working Party may wish to approve draft amendments to Annex I “Specific recreational navigation classes” and Annex II “Map of the European Recreational Inland Navigation Network (AGNP)” to Resolution No. 52, revised.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/164/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2018/9

11. Other business

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the conference “Future of the Odra river” held in Wrocław (Poland) on 16 November 2017.

12. Adoption of the report

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its fifty-second session on the basis of a draft prepared by the secretariat.
