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Standardization of technical and safety requirements

**in inland navigation: European Code for Inland Waterways
(resolution No. 24, revision 5)**

Draft resolution on the adoption of the sixth revision of the European Code for Inland Waterways

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the Proposed Programme Budget for 2021, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe. Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/75/6 (Sect.20), para. 20.51).
2. The European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) was adopted by resolution No. 24 of 15 November 1985. The annex to resolution No. 24 was revised in 1998, 2000, 2006, 2008 and 2014. Since 2017, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) has carried out an extensive work in preparing amendments to the fifth revision of CEVNI, aimed to ensure continuous harmonization of the navigation rules in the region of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).
3. The draft sixth revision of CEVNI builds on the outcome of 17 meetings of the CEVNI Expert Group held between 2017 and 2021 and has been prepared with the active engagement of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine, the Danube Commission, the Mosel Commission and the International Sava River Basin Commission. The present draft has incorporated amendments Nos. 1 to 4 to CEVNI 5 adopted by SC.3 between 2017 and 2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5/Amends. 1–4), modifications approved by SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions and a number of editorial modifications and was finalized at the Special session of SC.3/WP.3 on CEVNI on 22 June 2021.
4. The draft has taken into account best practices from the up-to-date traffic regulations of ECE member States and the river commissions, provisions of the European standards adopted by the European committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI) and new developments in the sector.

5. The draft has also taken into account the relevant provisions of the following SC.3 resolutions:

- resolution No. 90, European Code for Signs and Signals on Inland Waterways (SIGNI)
- the second revision of the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to resolution No. 61)
- the fourth revision of the Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (annex to resolution No. 48)
- the second revision of the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (annex to resolution No. 63)
- the revised International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (annex to resolution No. 79),.

6. At its fifty-ninth session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) finalized and preliminarily approved the draft, and asked the secretariat to transmit this to SC.3 for final adoption.

7. SC.3 may wish to consider and adopt a resolution and an annex to replace the existing annex to resolution No. 24 with the new text. The annex is available in Informal document SC.3 No. 2 (2021) on the SC.3 web page in English, French and Russian.

II. Draft resolution of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport

Resolution No. ...

(adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on ...)

The Working Party on Inland Water Transport,

Responding to the strategic recommendations set out in the Wroclaw Declaration and resolution No. 265 of 22 February 2019 of the Inland Transport Committee,

Responding also to Policy recommendations Nos. 2, 4 and 5 of the White Paper on the progress, accomplishment and future of sustainable inland water transport (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/279) that emphasize the role of the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) as the basis for transparent and standard rules for inland navigation at the pan-European level and encourage modernization and greening of the inland fleet, prevention of pollution from inland waterway vessels and the development and pan-European application of River Information Services;

Considering resolution No. 24 of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport, as amended by its resolutions Nos. 26, 27, 37, 39, 43–47, 54, 62, 66, 81 and 88 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amend. 1), as well as amendments 2 to 4, adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport in 2018–2020 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5/Amends. 2 to 4),

Bearing in mind the recent achievements by member States and River Commissions in the field of navigation safety,

Bearing in mind also the recent developments of the European Commission and the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation (CESNI) that are relevant to technical requirements for inland waterway vessels and qualifications in inland navigation,

Noting the desirability, in the interest of navigation safety, of taking into account in CEVNI the latest developments in inland navigation and their consequences for the regulations in force,

Bearing in mind the reports of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation on its fifty-eighth and fifty-ninth sessions (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/116, paras. 43, 44 and 46, and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/..., paras. ...),

1. *Decides* to replace the text of annex to resolution No. 24, as reproduced in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5, with the text contained in the annex to this resolution, reproduced in document TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.6,
 2. *Requests* Governments and River Commissions to inform the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe whether they accept this resolution;
 3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to place the question of the application of this resolution periodically on the agenda of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.
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