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**EUROPEAN CODE FOR INLAND WATERWAYS (CEVNI)**

Amendments to Chapter 2, "Marks and Draught Scales on Vessels; Tonnage Measurement"

Proposal by the Chairman of the informal working group on CEVNI

**Note by the secretariat**

At its thirty-second session, the Working Party took note of the creation of an informal working group on CEVNI, composed of the representatives of Austria, Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine, Danube Commission, International Sava River Basin Commission and the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para. 8). The aim of the group was to prepare amendment proposals to CEVNI, Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine, Basic Rules of Navigation on the Danube and Rules for the Navigation on Sava River, based on the analysis of the differences between these four documents, prepared by Austria (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2008/6). The preliminary results of this work were presented at the thirty-third session of the Working Party (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, paras. 9-10) and the first draft of the amendment proposals to Chapters 1-6 was reviewed by the Working Party at its thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, paras. 8-20).

The present document contains the draft amendments to Chapter 2 entitled “Marks and Draught Scales on Vessels; Tonnage Measurement”, prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI, based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session of SC.3/WP.3 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/69, para. 11). The additions to the original text are highlighted in bold and the text to be deleted is highlighted in strike-through.

The Working Party may wish to recommend that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport adopt these amendments at its fifty-third session in October 2009.

## I. INTRODUCTION

1. The aim of the proposed amendments in CEVNI is to consolidate the core rules for inland navigation in order to provide a common basis for all the European traffic regulations. National and international bodies could maintain their right to amend CEVNI rules as far as it is necessary to ensure safety on their specific waterways, as long as the original text of CEVNI is part of their regulations and all the amendments and deviations are clearly marked.

2. The current proposal also aims to simplify and to clarify the text of CEVNI in order to provide skippers with easy access to the applicable traffic rules. To this effect, the informal working group on CEVNI suggests reducing, to the extent possible, the number of footnotes in the text, as proposed in the text below.

## II. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 2, “MARKS AND DRAUGHT SCALES ON VESSELS; TONNAGE MEASUREMENT”

3. Amendments to Article 2. 01 – Identification marks on vessels other than small craft

(a) At the end of the title of the article add and seagoing vessels

(b) In paragraph 1 after small craft add and seagoing vessels

(c) Amend the first sentence in paragraph 1 a) as follows

The name shall be inscribed on both sides of the vessel; ~~in the case of motorized vessels,~~ **except for the pushed barges,** it shall also be inscribed in a position visible from astern.

4. Amendments to Article 2. 02 – Identification marks on small craft

(a) Delete footnote 21

5. Amendments to Article 2. 04 – Draught marks and draught scales

(a) In paragraph 1 replace the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to Resolution No. 17, revised) with the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to resolution No. 61)

(b) In paragraph 2 after water add except for small craft

(c) Delete footnote 22

## III. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 3 “VISUAL SIGNALS (MARKING) ON VESSELS”

6. The amendment proposals to Chapter 3 are contained in document ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2009/3/Rev.1.

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