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

Fifty-fifth session

Geneva, 19–21 June 2019

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda for the fifty-fifth session* **

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
19 June 2019

I. Provisional agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Workshop “Encouraging the realization of a modern fleet, enhancing navigation safety and fostering innovations”.
3. Inland waterways infrastructure:
 - (a) European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance;
 - (b) Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book);
 - (c) Map of the European Inland Waterway Network (resolution No. 30).
4. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (resolution No. 24, revision 5);

* 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 ECE Sustainable Transport Division's website www.unece.org/trans/main/sc3/wp3/wp3doc_2019.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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- (b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2);
 - (c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised).
- 5. Automation in inland navigation and smart shipping.
- 6. Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”:
 - (a) Monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the Wroclaw Conference;
 - (b) Revision of the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe.
- 7. Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation:
 - (a) Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (resolution No. 48, revision 3);
 - (b) International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 80);
 - (c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services.
- 8. Mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates and harmonization of professional requirements in inland navigation.
- 9. Terms and definitions in inland water transport.
- 10. Inland waterway statistics.
- 11. Recreational navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, fourth revision);
 - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation;
 - (c) Education and training for operators of pleasure craft.
- 12. Theme topic for the fifty-sixth session of the Working Party.
- 13. Other business.
- 14. 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 (the Working Party or SC.3/WP.3) may wish to adopt the agenda of its fifty-fifth 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. 12 (2019).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/109, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 12 (2019)

2. Workshop “Encouraging the realization of a modern fleet, enhancing navigation safety and fostering innovations”

Following the decision of the Working Party at its fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, para. 97), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop on realising a modern fleet, enhancing navigation safety and fostering innovations in inland navigation. The workshop will address the legislative framework, ongoing projects, initiatives and planned activities by member States, the European Commission, international organizations and other stakeholders.

Participants are also invited to take part in the round table discussions on the priorities and measures aimed at facilitating the tasks put forward in the Wroclaw Ministerial Declaration and the resolution “Facilitating the Development of Inland Water Transport” adopted by the Inland Transport Committee (ITC) at its eighty-first session, the role of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), further steps and related issues.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2019/15, Ministerial declaration “Inland Navigation in a Global Setting”¹

3. Inland waterways infrastructure

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

The Working Party will be informed about the work carried out by the secretariat and the proposed actions to assist member States to accede to, ratify and implement the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about any progress in AGN implementation.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4

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

The Working Party may wish to consider new amendment proposals, transmitted by member States, to the third revised edition of the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).

¹ www.unece.org/trans/cd.html.

Following its decision at the fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, paras. 47–49), SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussion on the outcome of project EMMA and follow-up steps based on the policy paper “Visions and opportunities for the transport network: Inland Navigation and River-Sea Shipping in the Baltic Sea Region” adopted on the conference on 6 November 2018 in Brussels (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/25).

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 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/25

(c) Map of the European Inland Waterway Network (resolution No. 30)

The Working Party will be informed about the amendments and clearance by the United Nations Geospatial Information Section of the map of the European Inland Waterway Network.

4. Standardization of technical and safety requirements in inland navigation

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

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider and preliminarily approve the draft amendments to CEVNI proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at the joint meeting with the CCNR² Working Group on the Police Regulations and the joint meeting with the Secretariat of the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways held on 7 and 8 February 2019 in Strasbourg (France) (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/13).

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of the thirtieth meeting of the CEVNI Expert Group on 18 June 2019, held back-to-back with the fifty-fifth session of SC.3/WP.3.

The Working Party may wish to take note of the amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine (RPNR) adopted by CCNR in 2018 at its autumn session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/14).

The Working Party may wish to start discussion on updating CEVNI based on the comparison with RPNR prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15) and provide guidance for the CEVNI Expert Group.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.5 and Amends.1–2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/13, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/14 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/15

(b) Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (resolution No. 61, revision 2)

Following its decision at the fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, para. 62), the Working Party may wish to continue considering the draft chapter 8C, “Special provisions applicable to craft equipped with propulsion or auxiliary systems operating on fuels with a flashpoint equal to or lower than 55°C” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/4) and provide its recommendations to the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3).

SC.3/WP.3 is invited to consider the amendment proposal to the annex to resolution No. 61 on provisions for ramp arrangements of inland navigation vessels, submitted by the Russian Federation (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/16).

² Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine.

The Working Party may also wish to continue discussion on aligning the annex to resolution No. 61 with the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2017, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/17.

SC.3/WP.3 is invited to continue discussion on special provisions for passenger daily trip vessels, based on the amendment proposal to the annex to resolution No. 61 on a draft new chapter 19A, “Special provisions applicable to passenger vessels not exceeding 24 m in length and authorised to carry up to a maximum of 150 passengers” by the Confederation of European Maritime Technology Societies (CEMT) and decide as appropriate.

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about the finalization of the Russian translation of the European Standard laying down technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (ES-TRIN), edition 2017.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/4,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/16, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/17 and
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/18

(c) Prevention of pollution of inland waterways by vessels (resolution No. 21, revised)

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-second session on revising the provisions of resolution No. 21 (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, paras. 41–42), the Working Party may wish to consider an amendment proposal to the resolution as contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/19. The Working Party may also wish to continue the discussion on the proposal by Romania to update addendum 1 to resolution No. 21 “Reception facilities for the transfer of waste generated on board ships on European inland waterways” (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/3) and provide its recommendations to SC.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179, TRANS/SC.3/150, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/3 and
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/19

5. Automation in inland navigation and smart shipping

The Working Party may wish to note the outcome of the policy-oriented segment of the eighty-first session of ITC and consider possible follow-up activities.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue the discussion on defining automation levels in inland navigation adopted by CCNR and further steps, based on ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/20.

The Working Party will be informed by De Vlaamse Waterweg nv (Belgium) about the policy areas which required a common approach for fostering smart shipping – based on the current international legal instruments and resolutions – and may wish to decide as appropriate.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue exchanging information on recent developments and ongoing projects in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/288 and Add.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/20

6. Follow-up of the International Ministerial Conference “Connecting by Inland Navigation”

(a) Monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the Wroclaw Conference

Following the adoption of the ITC resolution “Facilitating the Development of Inland Water Transport” and the decision of SC.3/WP.3 at its fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, para. 41), the Working Party may wish to consider possible ways of monitoring the implementation of the Wroclaw Conference based on the proposal prepared by the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/21).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/2019/15, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/21

(b) Revision of the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe

Following the decision at its fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, para. 42), the Working Party may wish to note the information by the secretariat on updating the White Paper on efficient and sustainable inland water transport in Europe (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189) of the Economic Commission for Europe and may wish to start work.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/189

7. Promotion of River Information Services and other Information and Communication Technologies in inland navigation**(a) Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation (resolution No. 48, revision 3)**

The Working Party may wish to continue the discussion on updating resolution No. 48, revision 3, "Recommendation on electronic chart display and information system for inland navigation" (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/22), based on the decisions from its fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, paras. 75–78), and to finalize the revised draft for adoption by SC.3 at its sixty-third session.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/7,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/12 and ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/22

(b) International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 80)

Following its decision taken at the fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, para. 81), the Working Party may wish to start discussion on updating resolution No. 80, "International Standard for Notices to Skippers in Inland Navigation", based on the proposal contained in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/23.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/23

(c) Other resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe of relevance to River Information Services

The Working Party will be informed about the updated status of the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (resolution No. 57), the International Standard for Tracking and Tracing on Inland Waterways (resolution No. 63) and the International Standard for Electronic Ship Reporting in Inland Navigation (resolution No. 79) and may provide guidance to the secretariat.

The Working Party may wish to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/166/Rev.3,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198

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

The Working Party may wish to come back to the outcome of the workshop "Education standards and professional requirements in inland navigation" held at its fifty-fourth session and discuss follow-up steps. SC.3/WP.3 may wish to note the outcome of the consultations of the secretariat with the European Commission and with the European Committee for Drawing up Standards in the Field of Inland Navigation (CESNI), and provide guidance.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to continue discussing the revision of the Recommendations on Minimum Requirements for the Issuance of Boatmaster's Certificates in Inland Navigation with a view to their Reciprocal Recognition for International Traffic (resolution No. 31, revised) that began at its fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, paras. 37–38).

Member States and River Commissions are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about recent progress in this field.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/184, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2009/6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108

9. Terms and definitions in inland water transport

The Working Party will be informed about the ongoing preparation of the glossary and establishment of the informal correspondence group, following the decision of its fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, para. 86). In this context, SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider the proposal of the Russian Federation for the terminology used for benchmarking of construction costs of inland waterway infrastructure that could be used for the glossary.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/24

10. Inland waterway statistics

The Working Party will be informed about the outcome of discussions at the seventieth session of the Working Party on Transport Statistics (12–14 June 2019) on an E-inland waterway census, and may wish to decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2018/14

11. Recreational navigation

(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (resolution No. 40, fourth revision)

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about updates to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4 and the progress in developing 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

(b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about the progress thus far of the group and the outcome of its fourth meeting, planned back-to back with the fifty-fifth session. The Working Party may wish to provide guidance on further activities of the group.

(c) Education and training for operators of pleasure craft

The Working Party will be informed about the answers for the questionnaire on education and training for operators of pleasure craft approved at its fifty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/108, paras. 94–95) and decide as appropriate.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2019/11

12. Theme topic for the fifty-sixth session of the Working Party

It is recalled that the theme topics for the sixty-third session of SC.3 will be (a) integration of inland water transport in multimodal transport and logistics chains (workshop), and (b) traffic management of river cruise vessels in European cities (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/207, para. 95). The Working Party may wish to decide on a theme topic for its fifty-sixth session or to choose from previous proposals:

- Building an inland waterway infrastructure that is resilient to climate change
- Inland water transport and sustainable cities.

Furthermore, the Working Party should focus on implementing the Sustainable Development Goals.

13. Other business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, there were no proposals under this item.

14. Adoption of the report

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

III. Tentative timetable

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activities</i>
Wednesday, 19 June	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 1–2
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 2
Thursday, 20 June	9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Agenda items 3–5
	2.30–5.30 p.m.	Agenda items 6–9
Friday, 21 June	10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Agenda items 10–13
	3–6 p.m.	Agenda item 14