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Recreational Navigation: International Certificate

(International Card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 13)

Revision of Resolution No. 13 “International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft”

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the proposed Programme Budget for 2023, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe, Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/77/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.6).
2. At its sixty-third session, the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (SC.3/WP.3) agreed that resolution No. 13 “International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft”, revised, applied by a number of member States, might require updating, and asked the secretariat to prepare a proposal for the sixty-seventh session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3).
3. SC.3 may wish to consider the proposal for possible updating of the resolution, given below, and provide guidance to the secretariat.

II. Background Information

4. Resolution No. 13 was adopted by SC.3 at its seventeenth session on 28 November 1973 with a purpose of ensuring navigation safety, environmental protection and facilitating recreational navigation and waterborne tourism in Europe. The text of the resolution issued as TRANS/SC.3/R.26, included also the amendments adopted by SC.3 on 4 December 1975 at its nineteenth session.
5. The Group of Experts on the Standardization of Rules of the Road and Signs and Signals in Inland Navigation (SC.3/GE.2) at its twenty-ninth session on 8–11 April 1986 proposed to complement the international certificate (international card) with indications concerning the maximum number of persons on board, the proof of ownership and the radio equipment (TRANS/SC.3/GE.2/54, paragraphs 19–23). SC.3 agreed with this proposal and adopted the revised version of resolution No. 13 on 14 November 1986.



6. Governments were requested to inform the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe, in case they accepted this resolution: (a) to recognize in their territory the documents issued by Governments which have accepted this resolution, and (b) to communicate to the secretariat the applicable restrictions, standards applied for the construction and fitting out of pleasure craft, as well as the names of the authority or authorized bodies.

7. According to the information on the application of resolution No. 13, revised, available in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2019/20, and updates provided by some member States to the secretariat in 2023, resolution No. 13, revised, is applied by Austria, Croatia, Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Serbia, Slovakia and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

8. SC.3 may wish therefore:

- To consider possible updating of the annexes to the resolution with a special reference to the possibility of unifying the standards for construction and fitting out of pleasure craft, as it is set out in paragraph 3 of the resolution
- To consider possible updating of the resolution and its annexes based on the proposals of the secretariat in chapter III below
- To invite Governments that accept it to transmit the updated information mentioned in the resolution to the secretariat.

III. Proposal for Updating of Resolution No. 13, Revised

9. The table below contains provisions of resolution No. 13, revised, that may be subject to updating and the relevant proposals by the secretariat.

| <i>Text of resolution No. 13, revised</i> | <i>Proposals and notes by the secretariat</i> |
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| International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft Resolution No. 13, revised (adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport on 14 November 1986) | SC.3 may wish to delete “International Card” |
| <u>The Working Party on Inland Water Transport,</u> <u>Considering</u> its resolution No. 13 concerning the international certificate (international card) for pleasure craft concerning the international certificate (international card) for pleasure craft (TRANS/SC.3/R.26), | <i>Replace</i> resolution No. 13 with resolution No. 13, revised <i>Replace</i> TRANS/SC.3/R.26 with TRANS/SC.3/118, annex 2 |
| ... | |
| - | <i>Add</i> a reference to the European Code for Inland Waterways (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.6) |
| <u>Bearing in mind</u> the proposals of the Group of Experts on the Standardization of Rules of the Road and Signs and Signals in Inland Navigation with regard to the inclusion in the said international certificate (international card) of indications concerning the maximum number of persons on board, the proof of ownership and the radio equipment (TRANS/SC.3/GE.2/54, paras. 19–23), | <i>Replace with</i> Bearing in mind the report of the sixty-third session of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation |
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Text of resolution No. 13, revised

Proposals and notes by the secretariat

1. Recommends the issue on request:

- of an international certificate, made out by Governments or by bodies approved by them, for pleasure craft operators going abroad;
- of an international card made out by the qualified bodies of countries where no international certificate for pleasure craft operators going abroad is issued.

Replace pleasure craft operators with operators of pleasure craft

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Annex I

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2.02. The pleasure craft shall bear identification marks in accordance with the regulations.

Replace the regulations with the European Code for Inland Waterways

3. Duration of validity of documents relating to international navigation for pleasure

SC.3 may wish to check whether the validity period require modification

The validity of the document provided for in paragraph 2 above shall be limited to two years.¹

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6. Maximum number of persons on board

SC.3 may wish to update this provision

When the international certificate (international card) does not specify the maximum number of persons allowed on board, this may be done by the competent authorities of the country into which the pleasure craft is temporarily imported taking into account the method prescribed in the "Guidelines for determining the Maximum Number of Persons for which Pleasure Craft are Suited" (TRANS/SC.3/GE.1/46, annex 2).

Note

- ¹ Governments may decide to accept documents, provided there have been no changes in the construction and fitting out of the craft, whose validity has expired less than two years previously. In this case they shall so notify the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe.

10. SC.3 may wish to modify the data for the identification of a vessel in annex II as follows:

~~Description of craft~~ **Data for the Identification of a Craft**

Name **of a craft**

Registration number

National flag

Home port

Type of craft

~~Make/builder~~ **Manufacturer**

Year **of construction**

Maximum number of persons on board*

Dimensions:

Length **overall**

~~Beam~~ **Breadth overall**

Height of vessel above water line

Draught

Displacement**

Engine(s):

~~Made by~~ **Manufacturer** . Serial No.(s)

Year **of construction** HP/kW (indicated) Inboard - outboard

Radio equipment:

Transmitter v h f

Official No. Transmission power

Owner Name Full address

No. of certificate (of card)

Date of issue Date of expiry

Number of inland navigation vessel certificate (where available)

At the time of issue of the certificate (of the card) the craft carried the following documents:

11. When considering the amendment proposal to annex II, SC.3 may also wish to take into account the list of documents to be present on-board in accordance with the European Code for Inland Waterways, article 1.10, paragraphs 1 and 2.

* The competent authorities may waive this requirement.

** May be replaced by tonnage.