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River-Sea Transport in Europe

Questionnaire for Collecting Information on River-Sea Transport in Europe

Note by the secretariat

I. Mandate

1. This document is submitted in line with the proposed Programme Budget for 2024, part V, Regional cooperation for development, section 20, Economic Development in Europe, Programme 17, Economic Development in Europe (A/78/6 (Sect. 20), table 20.5).
2. At its sixty-seventh session, the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3) agreed to develop a resolution in support of the development of river-sea transport in Europe. SC.3 decided to collect information from countries on this subject and asked the secretariat to prepare a questionnaire (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/220, paragraphs 52 and 53).
3. The Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation may wish to consider the draft questionnaire contained in this document and provide a guidance to the secretariat.

II. Draft Questionnaire

4. The questions can be subdivided into several sections to cover the various aspects of river-sea transport as proposed below.
5. Section I, General information
 - (a) Do transport operations in your country engage transportation partly by inland waterways and partly by sea, in estuaries and lakes without transshipment (river-sea transport)?
 - (b) Do they include:
 - Domestic voyages

- Coastal voyages between ports of two or more countries
 - Other types of voyages?
 - (c) What types of goods are carried by river-sea transport?
 - (d) What is the average volume of goods transported by river-sea transport in last five years?
 - (e) What is the modal share of river-sea shipping in transport by water in your country:
 - By sea
 - By inland waterways?
 - (f) What ports are engaged in river-sea transport?
6. Section II, Fleet
- (g) In your country, what vessel types can perform river-sea transport operations:
 - Seagoing ships
 - Inland vessels
 - Special vessel types for river-sea transport (river-sea vessels, estuary ships, etc.).
 - (h) How many vessels engaged in river-sea transport are registered in your country:
 - Seagoing ships
 - Inland vessels
 - River-sea vessels?
 - (i) What is the average age of this fleet?
 - (j) Are there any passenger river-sea vessels that operate in your country?
7. Section III, Navigation
- (k) Are there limitations for operation of vessels engaged in river-sea transport depending on the navigation conditions:
 - For inland waterways
 - For sea
 - For estuaries and lakes
 - Seasonal conditions
 - Other conditions?
 - (l) Does your country apply a classification of navigation zones for river-sea shipping? If yes, what classification principles are applied?
8. Section IV, Regulatory framework
- (m) What legislative framework is applied in your country for river-sea vessels (i) for domestic voyages and (ii) for international voyages:
 - IMO regulations
 - Legislation of the European Union
 - Regulations of River Commissions
 - National legislation
 - Regulations of classification societies?

(n) Do you apply the following definitions in the legislation in relation to operating zones of river-sea vessels:

- Protected waters
- Sheltered waters
- Waters closely adjacent to sheltered waters?

(o) What regulations are applied for river-sea vessels (i) for domestic voyages and (ii) for international voyages:

- IMO regulations
- Regulations for inland vessels
- Regulations for inland vessels and additional provisions
- Special regulations for river-sea vessels.

(p) Does the legal framework allow certain derogations for vessels operating in restricted navigation zones?

9. Section V, Documents on-board

(q) What additional documents must be present on-board of an inland vessel engaged in river-sea transport or a river-sea vessel:

- Inland vessel certificate or river-sea vessel certificate allowing operation in estuaries and sea areas with certain restrictions
- Documents in accordance with IMO regulations:
 - International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS)
 - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973 (MARPOL)
 - International Convention on Load Lines, 1966
 - International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, if applicable
 - International Life-Saving Appliance Code
 - International Code for Fire Safety Systems
 - Other documents (please indicate).

(r) What additional documents must be present on-board of a sea-going ship engaged in river-sea transport and entering inland waterways:

- Inland vessel certificate
- Measurement certificate
- Certificates and attestations for on-board equipment of inland vessels
- Documents according to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways, if applicable,
- Used oil log
- Unloading certificate
- Other documents (please indicate).

10. Section VI, Professional qualifications and crew certificates

(s) What provisions for professional qualifications of the crew are applied for the crew members on-board river-sea vessels:

- International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers
- Inland navigation regulations

- Both maritime and inland navigation regulations
- Special provisions for river-sea shipping?

(t) For the crews of seagoing ships engaged in river-sea transport, what certificates additional to the maritime regulations are required when entering inland waterways?

(u) For the crews of inland and river-sea vessels what certificates additional to the inland navigation regulations are required when operating in estuaries and at sea?

11. Section VII, Recognition of documents

(v) Does your country have bilateral or multilateral agreements which allow for the recognition of certificates of river-sea vessels? Do they allow certain derogations to the construction and equipment?

(w) Does your country have bilateral or multilateral agreements which allow for the recognition of certificates of crews of river-sea vessels?
