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

Sixty-fifth session

Geneva, 19–21 June 2024

Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Sixty-Fifth Session*, **

To be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday,
19 June 2024

I. Provisional Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Workshop “Towards a Smart and Sustainable Inland Water Transport”.
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) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2).
4. Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation:
 - (a) European Code for Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 24, Revision 6);

* 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: <https://unece.org/info/Transport/events/389254>.

** Participation is possible in-person only. Delegates are requested to register at <https://indico.un.org/event/1007159>. Upon arrival at the Palais des Nations, delegates should obtain an identification badge at the Security and Safety Section at the Pregny Pavillon located at Pregny Gate (14, Avenue de la Paix), open on weekdays from 8.00 a.m. to 4.45 p.m. In case of difficulty, please contact the secretariat by telephone (+41 22 9172432) or by email (sc.3@un.org). For a map of the Palais des Nations and other useful information, please visit <https://unece.org/practical-information-delegates>.



- (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, Revision 2).
- 5. Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport.
- 6. River-Sea Transport in Europe.
- 7. Automation in Inland Navigation and Smart Shipping.
- 8. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation:
 - (a) Resolution No. 57 “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services”;
 - (b) Other Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe;
 - (c) Other Activities.
- 9. Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters’ Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation.
- 10. Inland Waterway Statistics.
- 11. Recreational Navigation:
 - (a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, Revision 4);
 - (b) Activities of the Informal Working Group on Recreational Navigation;
 - (c) International Certificate (International Card) for Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 13).
- 12. Other Business.
- 13. Adoption of the Report.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the Agenda

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), 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 sixty-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. 6 (2024).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/129, Informal document SC.3/WP.3 No. 6 (2024)

2. Workshop “Towards a Smart and Sustainable Inland Water Transport”

Following the decision of the Working Party at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/128, paragraph 82), delegations are invited to take part in the workshop dedicated to the promotion of a smart and sustainable inland water transport in Europe, recent developments, strategies, projects and opportunities for the sector and other relevant issues.

Participants are invited to take part in the round table discussions and share their experience, best practices and achievements in this field and consider further steps that could be undertaken by SC.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/7

3. Inland Waterways Infrastructure

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

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about the progress in implementing the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN).

Contracting parties to AGN are invited to propose amendments to annexes I and II of the agreement, if any.

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

As a follow-up of resolution No. 269 “Facilitating the Development of Container Transport on Inland Waterways” of the Inland Transport Committee, the Working Party may wish to begin discussion on establishing the joint management and/or monitoring of AGN and the Protocol on Combined Transport on Inland Waterways to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations to ensure alignment between the two legal instruments. SC.3/WP.3 may also wish to continue discussion and provide recommendations for SC.3.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/120/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/2023/31, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/217

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

Governments are invited to inform the Working Party about new amendment proposals to be included in the Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network (Blue Book).

Member States and other stakeholders are invited to report on progress in inland waterway infrastructure development projects.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/144/Rev.4

(c) Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (Resolution No. 49, Revision 2)

Governments are invited to inform the Working Party about new amendment proposals to the Inventory of Most Important Bottlenecks and Missing Links in the E Waterway Network (resolution No. 49, revision 2).

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/159/Rev.2 and Amend.1

4. Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation

(a) European Code for Inland Waterways (Resolution No. 24, Revision 6)

The Working Party may wish to consider and preliminarily approve the draft amendments to the European Code for Inland Waterways (CEVNI) (a) proposed by the CEVNI Expert Group at its thirty-ninth meeting (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/8) and (b) prepared by the secretariat based on the information from countries as agreed by SC.3/WP.3 at its sixty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/128, paragraphs 47 and 48) as proposed in ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/9.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of information on the application of CEVNI, revision 6, transmitted to the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/10) and provide guidance to the secretariat for updating the CEVNI status document.

The Working Party may wish to take note of recent amendments to the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine and the Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Mosel that may be of relevance to CEVNI (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/11).

Delegations are invited to inform the Working Party about the current status and new developments in their navigation regulations.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.6, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/2,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/8, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/9,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/10, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/11

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

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-seventh session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/220, paragraph 43), the Working Party may wish to continue amendment proposals to appendix 1 of resolution No. 61 “List of Inland Waterways Divided Geographically into Zones 1, 2 and 3” to bring it in line with annex I “List of Union Inland Waterways Divided Geographically into Zones 1, 2 and 3” of Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC and provide guidance for the secretariat.

SC.3/WP.3 may 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 2023.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/172/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2023/7,
ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/12

(c) Prevention of Pollution of Inland Waterways by Vessels (Resolution No. 21, Revision 2)

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about additions or modifications to the list of reception facilities for transfer of waste generated on board vessels, if any.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to take note of recent resolutions adopted by the Conference of Contracting Parties to the Convention on Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste Produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways (CDNI) that may be of relevance to the Working Party and provide guidance for the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/179/Rev.1 and Add.1

5. Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on monitoring the implementation of the Inland Transport Committee Strategy on Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Inland Transport based on the draft prepared by the secretariat for its sixty-fourth session and proposals of member States and other stakeholders.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/2

6. River-Sea Transport in Europe

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on facilitating the development of river-sea transport in Europe, started at its sixty-fourth session, finalize the draft questionnaire for collecting information on river-sea transport in Europe and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/13

7. Automation in Inland Navigation and Smart Shipping

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on preparing the draft road map “Forging international cooperation towards an international legislative basis for automation in inland navigation” (annex to resolution No. 95) for 2025–2028 and provide guidance for the secretariat.

Delegations are invited to inform SC.3/WP.3 about progress in the field of automation and smart shipping.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/14

8. Promotion of River Information Services and Other Information and Communication Technologies in Inland Navigation

(a) Resolution No. 57 “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services”

The Working Party may wish to note detailed information about the Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services (RIS) edition 2023 by the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure.

SC.3/WP.3 may wish to consider possible updating of the annex to resolution No. 57 “Guidelines and Recommendations for River Information Services” and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/165/Rev.1 and Amend.1

(b) Other Resolutions of the Economic Commission for Europe

The Working Party may wish to consider amendment proposals to the RIS resolutions, if any, continue discussion on harmonizing them with the European Standard for River Information Services (ES-RIS) and provide guidance to the secretariat.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/156/Rev.4, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/176/Rev.2, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/198/Rev.1, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/199/Rev.1

(c) Other Activities

Delegations are invited to exchange information about the implementation of RIS by governments and river commissions.

9. Mutual Recognition of Boatmasters’ Certificates and Harmonization of Professional Requirements in Inland Navigation

The Working Party will be informed about progress in the establishment and activities of the informal working group on issues related to labour market challenges.

Member States are invited to inform the Working Party about recent progress and new developments in the field of professional requirements in inland navigation and mutual recognition of boatmasters’ certificates.

10. Inland Waterway Statistics

The Working Party may wish to continue discussion on an E waterway census and consider the scope of information to be transmitted by countries and ways of facilitating for collecting data needed for its updating.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/15

11. Recreational Navigation

(a) International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft (Resolution No. 40, Revision 4)

The Working Party will be informed by the secretariat about updates to annex IV of resolution No. 40, revision 4 and progress in developing the online database of specimens of the International Certificate for Operators of Pleasure Craft.

SC.3/WP.3 will be informed about progress in collecting information necessary for a possible review of resolution No. 40.

Documentation

ECE/TRANS/SC.3/147/Rev.4 and Amends.1–3, ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/2024/16

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

The Working Party will be informed about the progress thus far of the group.

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

Following the decision of SC.3 at its sixty-second session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/220, paragraph 75), the Working Party may wish to continue discussion on revising resolution No. 13.

Documentation

TRANS/SC.3/131

12. Other Business

At the time of drafting this provisional agenda, proposals under this item were not available.

13. Adoption of the Report

In accordance with established practice, SC.3/WP.3 will adopt the decisions taken at its sixty-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	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 1–2
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 2
Thursday, 20 June	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 3–5
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda items 6–8
Friday, 21 June	10.00 a.m.–1.00 p.m.	Agenda items 9–12
	3.00–6.00 p.m.	Agenda item 13