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Working Party on the Standardization
of Technical and Safety Requirements
in Inland Navigation
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION ^{*/}

to be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
starting at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 27 April 1999

1. Adoption of the agenda TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/33
2. Election of officers

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| 3. | Amendment of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for inland navigation vessels (annex to resolution No. 17, revised) | (Documents relating to this item are mentioned in the annex to this provisional agenda) |
| 4. | Harmonization of the requirements concerning anchors for inland navigation vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30
TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.3
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/3 and Add. 1 |
| 5. | Requirements for technical means for prevention of pollution from vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/26 and 30
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/3
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/11 and Add.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/4 and Add. 1 |
| 6. | Requirements of manoeuvrability of inland navigation vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.60/Rev.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.64 and Corr.1-2
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.99 and Add.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.109
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/8
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/5 and Add. 1 |
| 7. | Minimum manning requirements and working and rest hours of crews of vessels in inland navigation | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.67
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/7 and Add.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/26
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/6 and Adds.1-2
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/7 |
| 8. | Unification of procedures and rules for the survey of inland navigation vessels | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/8 |
| 9. | Stability requirements of vessels carrying containers | TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.98 and Corr.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.102 and Corr.1
TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/1999/1 |
| 10. | Other business | |
| 11. | Adoption of the report | |

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Annex: Documentation related to particular chapters of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda is the adoption of the agenda. The list of items to be included into the agenda was provisionally agreed at the sixteenth session of the Working Party (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/32, para. 42).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Working Party at its seventeenth session may wish to re-elect a Chairman and, possibly, a Vice-Chairman.

3. AMENDMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS (ANNEX TO RESOLUTION NO. 17, REVISED)

The Working Party will be informed of the progress made by the informal ad hoc group of experts and by the group of volunteers on the amendment of the annex to resolution No. 17, revised (Minutes of the sixth meeting of the ad hoc group are annexed to TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/32). In this context, it may wish to note that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (SC.3), at its forty-second session, endorsed the decisions taken by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 concerning the on-going revision of the Recommendations, as reflected in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30, paras. 4-12 (TRANS/SC.3/146, para. 21).

The Working Party may wish to consider the draft texts of chapters 2-6 of the updated annex, as proposed by the group of volunteers in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/1999/1 and modified, if any, by the ad hoc group of experts. It may also wish to: (i) comment on the proposal of the Russian Federation on the possible structure of the revised annex (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/1) and ask Governments and river commissions to give their opinion on this proposal; (ii) comments by Governments with regard to the Rhine Vessel Survey Regulations (RSR) as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/2. It may also wish to take note of the publication by the secretariat of the last remaining portion of the text of the RSR corresponding to chapters 6, 14 - 17 of the existing text of the annex (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1/Corr.1 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1) and invite Governments to comment on possible amendment of the annex with a view to bringing it in line with the RSR provisions referred to above.

4. HARMONIZATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING ANCHORS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

It is recalled that, at its fifteenth session, the Working Party invited Governments and river commissions to submit to the secretariat their views on

possible pan-European provisions concerning anchor equipment of pushers, pushed barges, passenger vessels and other inland navigational craft, using as an example the text of the annex to resolution No. 36 on requirements for anchors of self-propelled cargo vessels, appearing in TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.3 (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30, para. 16).

The proposals of Governments and river commissions on this item have been issued as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/3 and Add.1. The Working Party may wish to continue the consideration of this matter taking into account the above-mentioned documentation and relevant provisions of the Rhine Survey Regulations appearing in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1 (Chapter 10).

5. REQUIREMENTS FOR TECHNICAL MEANS FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM VESSELS

At its fifteenth session, the Working Party considered a new proposal of the delegation of Hungary concerning the inclusion in the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (annex to resolution No. 17, revised) of requirements for prevention of pollution from vessels (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/3) together with comments received from Governments (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/11 and Add.1) and felt that the proposal of Hungary represented a good basis for further work on this item. The Working Party decided that it was premature at that session to undertake a detailed discussion of the draft prepared by the delegation of Hungary, drew the attention of Governments and river commissions to a number of principles on this matter already agreed in the course of its thirteenth session (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/26, para.16), and asked the delegations of Germany, the CCNR and the Danube Commission to submit to the secretariat their concrete proposals and comments on the text appearing in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/3 so that the Working Party could start the first reading of the document at its seventeenth session. Other Governments were also invited to submit their comments (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30, paras. 18-21).

The proposals of Governments and river commissions are issued as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/4 and Add.1. The Working Party may wish to continue the consideration of the item on the basis of the above documents.

6. REQUIREMENTS OF MANOEUVRABILITY OF INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

The Working Party, at its fifteenth session, reiterated its invitation to Governments to comment on the proposal of the Russian Federation, as set out in the second part of TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.109, and requested the group of volunteers, if possible, to look into the problem and try to provide a concrete draft of ECE provisions on this subject on the basis of the documentation available (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30, para. 24).

The Working Party will be informed of the exchange of views which took place at its third session (Geneva, 25-28 January 1999) and may wish to decide on how to proceed further on this item taking into account comments from Governments (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/5 and Add.1).

7. MINIMUM MANNING REQUIREMENTS AND WORKING AND REST HOURS OF CREWS OF VESSELS IN INLAND NAVIGATION

At its fifteenth session, the Working Party continued consideration of the draft Recommendations on minimum manning requirements, as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/26/Add.1 and Corr.1, taking into account the comments and proposals received from Governments (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/7 and Add.1). The text of the draft recommendations resulting out of the discussion held by SC.3/WP.3 has been issued by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/7. The Working Party may wish to continue its work on this item taking into account the proposals of Governments issued as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/26 and TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/6 and Add.1.

8. UNIFICATION OF PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR THE SURVEY OF INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS

The Working Party, at its fifteenth session, invited the delegation of Austria to finalize its proposal, as reflected in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/10, taking into account the discussion on this item which took place in the course of the session (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/30, para. 30). The text of the draft resolution on recommendations on procedures and rules for the survey of inland navigation vessels received from the Government of Austria has been issued by the secretariat as TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/8.

The Working Party may wish to consider the draft prepared by the Austrian delegation, modify it as it deems necessary and decide on proper placing of the draft in the text of the future amended text of the annex of resolution No. 17, revised.

9. STABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF VESSELS CARRYING CONTAINERS

In dealing with this item, the Working Party may wish to take into account the consolidated text of the updated draft ECE requirements on the stability of inland navigation vessels prepared by the secretariat in accordance with the proposal of the Hungarian delegation (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.98 and Corr.1) and the proposal of the Government of the Russian Federation on this issue (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.102 and Corr.1). It may also take into account the proposal on the text of Chapter 4 of the amended annex to resolution No. 17, revised, as set out in TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/AC.2/1999/1 after its possible modification by the ad hoc group of experts.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

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

11. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

In accordance with established practice, the Working Party will adopt the report of its seventeenth session on the basis of the draft to be prepared by the secretariat.

Annex

DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO PARTICULAR CHAPTERS OF THE ANNEX TO
RESOLUTION NO. 17, REVISED

Chapter of annex	Reflected in :	Relevant Rhine Vessel Survey Regulations (RSR)	Comments on the RSR and reaction to them by CCNR
1	2	3	4
Chapter 2: Hull	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Rev.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.110 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1997/2
Chapter 3: Freeboard and safety distance	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Rev.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.110 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1997/2
Chapter 4: Stability and subdivision	TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.1 or TRANS/SC.3/131	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Rev.1 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.63	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.110 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1997/2
Chapter 5: Machinery	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.110/ Add.1
Chapter 6: Electrical installations	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1 and Corr.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/9
Chapter 7: Hoisting gear, rigging and equipment	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.110/ Add.1
Chapter 8: Anchoring, towing and mooring	TRANS/SC.3/104 and TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.3	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.110/ Add.1
Chapter 9: Liquefied gas installations	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 10: Steering gear and wheelhouse	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 11: Special wheelhouse arrangements for radar steering by one person	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	
Chapter 11bis: Hoisting devices of wheelhouses	TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.2	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	
Chapter 12: Fire protection	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5 and Corr.1	

Chapter of annex	Reflected in :	Relevant Rhine Vessel Survey Regulations (RSR)	Comments on the RSR and reaction to them by CCNR
1	2	3	4
Chapter 13: Life-saving appliances	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 14: Pushers, self-propelled pusher vessels, pushed barges and pushed convoys	TRANS/SC.3/104/Add.3	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	
Chapter 15: Special provisions for passenger vessels	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
Chapter 16: Automation	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	
Chapter 17: Crew accommodation and working spaces	TRANS/SC.3/104	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/5/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/9
No annex chapter	Manoeuvrability	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.64 and Corrs. 1-2 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.99 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.99/Add.1	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.109 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/8
No annex chapter	Chapter 20: Special provisions for seagoing ships	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/R.84/Add.2	TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1998/1
Proposal of the Government of the Russian Federation on possible structure of the amended annex			TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/1 TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/1999/2
Draft proposal of the group of volunteers on Chapters 2 - 6			TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/ AC.2/1999/1



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