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**ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE****INLAND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Working Party on Inland Water Transport  
(Forty-ninth session, 18-20 October 2005,  
agenda item 7 (a))

**AMENDMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TECHNICAL  
REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS  
(annex to resolution no. 17, revised)**

Note by the secretariat

At its forty-sixth session, the Working Party considered and provisionally approved the first set of amended chapters of the annex to resolution No.17, revised, prepared by the Working Party SC.3/WP.3 at its request and agreed that, once all the chapters of the annex are amended, the Working Party would adopt a resolution with the revised Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels annexed to it. The Working Party SC.3/WP.3 was requested to continue its work on the amendment of the annex to resolution No.17, revised, and, as far as requirements for navigational zone 3 were concerned, to base its work as much as possible on relevant provisions of the draft revised Directive 82/714/EEC of the European Community (TRANS/SC.3/158, para. 27).

The draft resolution of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport concerning the adoption of the revised Recommendations is reproduced below for consideration and adoption by the Working Party together with the consolidated text of amended chapters as set out in TRANS/SC.3/2004/Add. 1-4 and rectified in TRANS/SC.3/2004/1/Corrs.1-2 and TRANS/SC.3/2004/1/1/Add.1/Corr.1.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS ON HARMONIZED EUROPE-WIDE TECHNICAL  
REQUIREMENTS FOR INLAND NAVIGATION VESSELS**

**Resolution No. ...**

(adopted by the Working Party on Inland Water Transport  
on .. October 2005)

The Working Party on Inland Water Transport,

Considering resolution No. 17, revised (TRANS/SC.3/103, annex 1), containing in its annex the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels as amended (TRANS/SC.3/104 and Adds.1-6),

Considering also resolution No.33 (TRANS/SC.3/131) on Ship's Certificate,

Recalling the recommendation of the Inland Transport Committee that the Working Party should continue its efforts towards a full reciprocal recognition of ship's certificates and should, to this end, undertake updating the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (ECE/TRANS/97, paragraph 104),

Recalling further the Declaration adopted by the Pan-European Conference on Inland Waterway Transport (Rotterdam, 5-6 September 2001) inviting the European Commission, UNECE and the two river commissions to intensify their cooperation on Pan-European harmonization of technical, safety and manning requirements (TRANS/SC.3/2001/10, point 12),

Believing that the harmonization of national and international (within subregional groupings) technical requirements for vessels applied on European inland waterways would be of great benefit to international transport by inland waterway, the safety of navigation, the protection of human health and life, as well as the protection of the environment,

Bearing in mind the report of the Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation, on its twenty-ninth session in so far as the item on the amendment of the Recommendations on Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels is concerned (TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/58, paragraphs 4-22),

1. Adopts the text of Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels annexed to this resolution,

2. Decides to cancel resolutions No.17, revised, and 33 which are replaced by this resolution,

3. Requests Governments to accept the ship's certificate issued in accordance with the annexed Recommendations as documentary evidence that the vessel complies with the Recommendations on Harmonized Europe-Wide Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (as set out in document TRANS/SC.3/... as amended) and to take it duly into account

when issuing other certificates, if required, for given waterways. In this connection, technical inspection of the vessel may be wholly or partly dispensed with, in so far as regulations in force so permit;

4. Invites Governments to inform the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe whether they accept this resolution,

5. Requests the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe to place the question of the application of this resolution periodically on the agenda of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport.

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