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**EUROPEAN CODE FOR INLAND WATERWAYS (CEVNI)**

Amendments to Chapter 4, "Sound signals on vessels – radiotelephony"

Proposal submitted by the Chairman of the informal working group on CEVNI

**Note by the secretariat**

At its thirty-second session, the Working Party took note of the creation of an informal working group on CEVNI, composed of the representatives of Austria, Central Commission for the navigation of the Rhine, Danube Commission, International Sava River Basin Commission and the secretariat (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/64, para. 8). The aim of the group was to prepare amendment proposals to CEVNI, Police Regulations for the Navigation of the Rhine, Basic Rules of Navigation on the Danube and Rules for the Navigation on Sava River, based on the analysis of the differences between these four documents, prepared by Austria (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/2008/6). The preliminary results of this work were presented at the SC.3/WP.3 thirty-third session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, paras. 9-10) and the first draft of the amendment proposals to Chapters 1-6 was reviewed by the Working Party at its thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, paras. 8-20).

The present document contains the amendment proposals related to Chapter 4 entitled “Sound signals on vessels - radiotelephony” prepared by the informal working group on CEVNI based on the decisions of the thirty-fourth session (ECE/TRANS/SC.3/WP.3/66, para. 16). The additions to the original text are highlighted in bold and the text to be deleted is highlighted in strike-through.

The Working Party may wish to decide to recommend that the Working Party on Inland Water Transport adopt these amendments at its fifty-third session in October 2009.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 4, “SOUND SIGNALS ON VESSELS - RADIOTELEPHONY”**

1. Amendment to the title of Chapter 4
  - (a) Amend the title of chapter 4 to read Sound signals ~~on vessels~~; radiotelephony; **navigation devices**
2. Amendments to Article 4.01 – General
  - (a) Delete footnote 47
  - (b) Delete footnote 48
  - (c) Delete footnote 49
  - (d) Delete paragraph 4
  - (e) Delete paragraph 5
  - (f) Renumber the paragraphs accordingly
3. New article 4.04 – Distress signals
  - (a) Add a new article 4.04 entitled “Distress signals”  
Article 4.04 – Distress signals
    1. When a vessel in distress needs assistance, it may ring a bell or sound repeated long blasts.
    2. Such signals may replace or supplement the visual signals referred to in article 3.30.
4. Amendments to Article 4.04 – Radiotelephony
  - (a) Renumber article 4.04 as 4.05
  - (b) In paragraph 2 replace ferries by ferry-boats
  - (c) At the end of paragraph 4 add and the sections determined by the competent authorities
  - (d) Delete footnote 51
  - (e) Delete footnote 52

5. Amendments to Article 4.05 – Radar

(a) Renumber Article 4.05 as Article 4.06

(b) Amend paragraph 2 as follows

In ~~pushed, towed~~ convoys and ~~side by side~~ formations, the requirements of paragraph 1 above shall apply only to the vessel carrying the boatmaster ~~of the convoy or formation~~.

(c) Delete footnote 53 and add an entry in Chapter 9 with the following content

With respect to Article 4.06, the competent authorities may allow on certain inland waterways high-speed vessels to operate in daytime and at a visibility of 1km and more without being fitted with radar equipment and a rate-of-turn indicator.

6. New article 4.07 – Inland Automatic Identification System Equipment

(a) Add a new article 4.07 as follows

Article 4.07 – Inland Automatic Identification System Equipment

1. Vessels, except for sea-going vessels, cannot use an automatic identification system (AIS) unless they possess an Inland AIS device in accordance with the requirements of the competent authorities. The device must be in a good working condition. Small craft using inland AIS must, in addition, be equipped with a radiotelephone installation in proper working order for the ship--ship channel.

2. Vessels are authorized to use AIS only if the parameters entered in the AIS device correspond at all times to the actual parameters of the vessel.

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