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Addendum 2

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EXCLUSIVELY FOR PLEASURE NAVIGATION**

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The Principal Working Party on Inland Water Transport,

Having regard to resolution No. 24 on the European Inland Waterway Navigation Code (CEVNI), as amended by resolutions Nos. 26 and 27, to resolution No. 13, revised, on the International Certificate (international card) for Pleasure Craft and to resolution No. 14, revised, on the International Certificate (international card) concerning the Competence of Pleasure Craft Operators,

Noting that, through the application of these resolutions by Governments and river commissions, the corresponding regulations in force on European inland waterways have to a large extent been harmonized,

Noting the increasing number of small craft used exclusively for pleasure navigation on inland waterways and, inter alia, the development of water bikes,

Noting the desirability, in the interest of safety of navigation, of taking into account the above-mentioned developments in inland navigation and their consequences for the regulations in force,

Noting further the desirability of incorporating all the provisions concerning small craft used exclusively for pleasure navigation in a single resolution,

1. Recommends Governments, international governmental organizations, economic or other unions and river commissions to take such steps as may be necessary for their regulations on small craft used exclusively for pleasure navigation to be harmonized to the greatest extent possible, with the recommendations annexed to this resolution;

2. Requests Governments, international governmental organizations, regional economic integration organizations, and river commissions to inform the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe whether they accept this resolution and its annex;

3. Requests the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe to place the question of the application of this resolution periodically on the agenda of the Principal Working Party on Inland Water Transport with a view to keeping the list of countries applying the resolution up to date and updating or amending the annex hereto, as necessary.

Annex

I. DEFINITIONS

(a) The term "small craft" means any vessel with a hull less than 20 m long, except a vessel towing, pushing or propelling in side-by-side formation vessels other than small craft, and except ferry-boats;

(b) The term "windsurfer" means a small sailing craft with a freely moving sail mounted on a mast-heel which can be rotated in all directions, and which is not in a fixed position while the craft is under way; 1/

(c) The term "water bike" means any small craft using its own mechanical means of propulsion, which is able to carry one or more persons and built or designed to be used for skiing over the water or performing figures, for example waterbobs, waterscooters, jetbikes, jetski and other similar craft; 1/

II. SCOPE

The provisions of this annex shall apply to small craft used exclusively for pleasure navigation.

III. IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS

1. Without prejudice to the provisions of article 2.02 of CEVNI a small craft may not sail unless it bears an identification marking issued or recognized by the competent authority. 2/

2. The owner of a small craft shall be responsible that the craft is marked with the identification marking.

3. The institution issuing the identification marking shall issue a certificate thereof.

4. The identification marking certificate referred to in paragraph 3 above shall be kept on board of the small craft while it is under way.

5. The identification marking certificate shall be presented whenever officials of the competent authorities so request.

1/ The competent authority may define a windsurfer and a water bike as a floating material instead of a small craft.

2/ The competent authority may exempt certain categories of small

craft from the need to comply with this requirement.

6. The identification marking shall be affixed in clearly legible Latin letters and Arabic numerals, in a light colour on a dark ground or in a dark colour on a light ground, on both sides of the craft, in the middle of the hull or on the bow. The characters shall be not less than 150 mm high and 100 mm broad with a stroke thickness of 20 mm. 1/

IV. EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

1. The competent authority may require that small craft or certain categories of small craft under way carry on board:

- (a) one or more paddles or oars;
- (b) for each person on board, a lifebelt, lifejacket or air pillow within his/her reach;
- (c) a 30 m rope;
- (d) one or more 10 m mooring ropes;
- (e) an anchor or a grappling iron;
- (f) a bailer or hand pump;
- (g) a fog horn or hooter;
- (h) an efficient fire extinguisher if the small craft is motorized.

1.1 On certain waterways or sectors of waterways a radar reflector may be required to be carried on board.

2. The competent authority may require that motorized small craft or certain categories of motorized small craft comply with the following requirements:

- (a) the steering gear shall be efficient and in proper working condition;
- (b) the layout of the craft shall be such as to avoid any risk of fire or explosion or of creating a nuisance with its exhaust gas emissions;
- (c) the exhaust system shall be fitted with an appropriate silencer;
- (d) the craft shall be fitted with a technical device which immediately cuts off the propulsion if steering is interrupted;

(e) the engine shall be in a proper working condition.

1/ The competent authority may allow smaller sizes of letters and numerals; however, these letters and numerals shall be not less than 100 m high;

V. MANOEUVRABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The competent authority may prohibit the use of small craft or certain categories of small craft on certain waterways or sectors of waterways if it is not fitted with an engine ensuring a minimum speed of 6 km/h through the water.

VI. STEERING OF SMALL CRAFT

1. The [steersman] of a motorized small craft with a power of more than 3.68 kW shall hold a licence issued or recognized by the competent authority, certifying that he/she is qualified to navigate the craft. 1/

2. The competent authority may establish:

(a) a power limit (3.68 kW) which is higher than that indicated in paragraph 1 above ;

(b) a minimum age and particular requirements concerning the issue of the licence certificate referred to in paragraph 1 above.

VII. RESTRICTIONS

1. Without prejudice to other regulations, the competent authority may prohibit sailing, water-skiing, the use of water bikes, windsurfing and similar sports on all waterways or on certain waterways or sectors of waterways or certain marked channels indicated by the authority.

The competent authority may, however, permit these activities for certain waterways or sectors of waterways by day and in good visibility.

2. In the sectors indicated by the competent authority for water-skiing, the use of water bikes, windsurfing, other similar sports and bathing shall not be permitted.

3. It shall be prohibited to tow persons through the air over the waterway.

VIII. SAILING

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IX. WATER-SKIING

1. Waterways or sectors of waterways on which water-skiing is permitted,

shall be indicated by sign E.17 of annex 7 of CEVNI.

1/ This requirement may be waived by the competent authority.

2. The competent authority may establish a minimum age for the qualified person accompanying the [steersman] of a small craft towing one or more water-skiers and supervising the water-skiers in accordance with article 6.35 of CEVNI.

3. A water-skier shall comport himself in such a way as not to create a nuisance or danger for other users of the waterway.

X. WATER BIKES

1. Waterways or sectors of waterways on which the use of water bikes is permitted shall be indicated by sign E.24 of annex 7 of CEVNI.

2. A water bike [steersman] shall comport himself in such a way as not to create a nuisance for other users of the waterway.

3. A water bike [steersman] shall ensure that the water bike's engine is not left running to no purpose or for an unnecessarily long time when the water bike is not under way.

4. Every person on a water bike under way shall be required to wear a life-jacket.

5. Water bikes shall be required to leave enough room for other vessels and small craft to hold their course and to manoeuvre; water bikes may not require such vessels to give way to them.

XI. WINDSURFING

Waterways or sectors of waterways on which windsurfing is permitted shall be indicated by sign E.20 of annex 7 of CEVNI.
