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Strasbourg, 13.1.2016 - The Contracting Parties Conference (CPC) held its autumn meeting in Strasbourg on 15 December 2016. The conference was chaired by Mr Winfried Kliche, representing Germany.

Retention of the €7.50 disposal charge for oily and greasy waste in 2017

At the proposal of the International Clearance and Coordination Body (ICCB), on 16 December 2016 the CPC decided to retain the disposal charge for oily and greasy waste produced in the course of operating vessels. The fee will thus remain at €7.50 per 1000 litres of gas oil, unchanged since 2011. The costs are expected to exceed the revenues in 2017, thereby reducing the current windfall revenues.

The CPC took note of the report from the ICCB evaluating the financing system, which shall be published for the first time on the website (www.cdni-iwt.org).

Resolution 2016-II-3

Adoption of the revised unloading standards (version 2018)

The Contracting Parties Conference adopted the revised version of Appendix III of Annex 2 (Unloading standards and prescriptions on deposit and reception with a view to authorising the discharge of wash water (including rainwater and ballast water) containing cargo residues). The new version of the unloading standards shall come into force on 1 January 2018.

An expert group, in close consultation with the recognised organisations, drew up the revised unloading standards. They represent a considerable simplification compared to the current unloading standards, by providing only one unloading standard for nearly all substances. Furthermore, the provisions for the application of the table have been thoroughly revised to take account of user feedback and to improve user-friendliness.

In addition to the resolution, the CDNI has published additional information that includes, among other things, a comparison of the revised and the current unloading standards with changes highlighted, the reasons behind these changes and the risks cargo residues pose to health and the environment..

In a second step, this information will be published in an electronic user guide with a search function.

Resolution 2016-II-4

Amendment to article 5.03 of the implementing regulations

The article 5.03 of the implementing regulations shall be amended so as to exclude from the scope of the CDNI loading and unloading of seagoing vessels in inland ports, which are subject to the European Directive 2000/59/EC. This amendment shall enter into force on 1 January 2018.

Resolution 2016-II-5

Liquid cargo gaseous residues – analysis of the public consultation

The Contracting Parties Conference discussed the revised draft of internationally agreed regulations for handling liquid cargo gaseous residues and agreed on guidelines for future work. Most of the findings of the public consultation have already been taken into account. The Contracting Parties Conference expects this draft to be finalised in the first half of 2017 and submitted to the CPC for final adoption on 22 June 2017.

The current draft, to be included in part B (“cargo-related waste”) of the CDNI Convention, is the result of four years of close cooperation between industrial representatives and national delegations. It remains faithful to the principles of the original convention, especially where the assignment of responsibility and the polluter pays principle are concerned, while taking into account the specifics of tanker navigation.

The main aim of this revision at an international level, in the context of the international AND framework and European Union requirements (Directive 94/63/EC – VOC Directive) is the gradual elimination of the release of harmful or undesirable substances into the environment. These are, for example, substances that are carcinogenic, mutagenic, toxic for reproduction, or that emit odours. This draft details the systematic disposal of these substances within the shipping context. To this end, the substances are organised into three groups in annex VI “degassing standards”. The timespan of this gradual introduction is still under discussion.

Cargo-related waste: results of the online survey and additional measures

The results of the online survey on the application of part B of the CDNI, carried out from 20 September 2015 to 5 January 2016, are now available and can be found on the website.

The participation rate of the vessel operators and reception stations was surprisingly high. The Contracting States of the CDNI and their secretariats have spent the last few months analysing all the answers received. The report summarises the main conclusions and the taken, ongoing or planned measures as well as the detailed results of the survey.

An international workshop with the competent authorities responsible for implementing and enforcing the regulations shall be organised in the second half of 2017.

CDNI film / 20 years since the Convention was signed

A short film about the purpose and intent of the CDNI Convention was made on behalf of the CPC. This film was presented to the public on 9 September 2016 to mark the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Convention and is available on the www.cdni-iwt.org website.

FAQ

Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQ) are regularly drafted by the Working Group CDNI/G. Once officially approved by the CPC, these answers are published on the www.cdni-iwt.org -> FAQ website. These are intended to simplify application of the CDNI Convention and assist consistent interpretation. The current focus is on questions about part B (collection, deposit and reception of cargo-related waste).

Publication of the updated electronic version of the CDNI Convention

The **consolidated version of the Convention** will be published in electronic form on the www.cdni-iwt.org website early 2017. The sheets for updating the 2014 print version will remain available.

A **consolidated version of the unloading certificates**, which shall be valid from 1 July 2017 onwards, will also be published.

Meetings in 2017: consultation with the recognised organisations and the profession in December

The CPC will organise a hearing of the recognised associations on 14 December 2017.

The next meeting of the CPC will be held on 22 June 2017 and chaired by Mr Kliche representing Germany.

All the dates of the meetings shall be published on the CDNI website.

About the CDNI (www.cdni-iwt.org)

The Convention of 9th September 1996 on the collection, deposit and reception of waste produced during the navigation on the Rhine and inland waterways (CDNI) came into force on 1st November 2009. It comprises six Contracting States (Belgium, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Switzerland) and its goal is to protect the environment and in particular rivers. As such it contains provisions that aim to promote waste prevention, organise the disposal of waste by means of a special network of reception points along the waterways, ensure the funding of these initiatives at international level based on the "polluter pays" principle and monitor compliance with the ban on discharging the waste in question into surface water.

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