



INTERNAL REGULATIONS ON THE STATUS OF APPROVED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

(Resolution CESNI 2016-II-3)

Article 1 Granting of approval

1. The non-governmental organisations which could be approved are those which represent:
 - a) either the inland navigation professions;
 - b) or activities that are directly associated with inland navigation;
 - c) or interests affected by an aspect specific to or of importance for inland navigation.
2. The organisations must at one and the same time:
 - a) be of an international nature;
 - b) represent a significant proportion of the national organisations in their sector in a number of member states of the European Committee for drawing up Standard in the field of Inland Navigation (referred to hereinafter as “the Committee”) and be authorised to speak on their behalf;
 - c) hold responsibilities or be in possession of information related to CESNI's activities and in particular its tasks as defined in Article 1 of its Rules of Procedure;
 - d) and have a permanent structure.
3. The candidate organisation for approval shall submit a written request including:
 - a) a description of the organisation, its members, its responsibilities and its experience;
 - b) the reasons for its request;
 - c) the contribution it intends to make to the work of the Committee;
 - d) acceptance of the rules governing the status of approved organisation within the Committee.
4. Approval shall be granted by decision of the Committee. This decision will stipulate the period for which this approval has been granted. It will specify the CESNI fields of activity to which the approved organisation has access.
5. The non-governmental organisations already approved
 - a) by the CCNR in the context of the activities of its Inspection Regulations Committee (RV) and within its Committee on social questions, employment and training (STF) and within the RV/G and STF/G working groups assigned to them; or
 - b) by the European Commission in the context of the activities of the Joint Working Group responsible for technical matters (JWG) and the Joint Working Group responsible for professional qualifications and training standards in inland navigation (CEG)shall be deemed approved organisations according to this rule of procedure provided that they undertake in writing to comply with the requirements of Article 3.
6. The CCNR Secretariat holds a list of the non-governmental organisations approved by the Committee.



Article 2

Prerogatives associated with the approval of an organisation

1. The approved organisation may, in accordance with Article 2 (3) of Rules of Procedure of the CESNI, take part in the work of the Committee as an observer, and as such:
 - a) take part in CESNI meetings, without voting rights;
 - b) take part in meetings of the permanent working groups set up by CESNI, in the areas of activity referred to by the decision granting it the approval, without voting rights;
 - c) be invited to temporary working groups set up by CESNI subject to the conditions defined by CESNI.

Article 3

Undertakings associated with approval of an organisation

1. The approved organisation notifies to the Committee the names and status of the individuals authorised to represent it. The latter must be proficient in one of CESNI's working languages.
2. The organisation undertakes to:
 - a) abide by the rules laid down by the Committee governing the participation of the approved non-governmental organisations;
 - b) comply with the rules governing the working bodies in which it is taking part, and in particular with the instructions of the chairmen of the bodies in question;
 - c) handle in a confidential manner documents or information relating to the work of the Committee and of its working groups, in other words not use this information or these documents for any purpose other than that of conducting its prerogatives and commitments;
 - d) provide the Committee and its working groups with any information that may assist the latter's work and in particular ensure that it complies with any requests for consultation made to it.
3. Its collaboration with CESNI and its working groups must be sincere and objective. It must contribute to seeking beneficial solutions for promoting inland navigation.

Article 4

Group of recognised classification societies

For the group of recognised classification societies constituted on the basis of the provisions of paragraph 14 of Appendix VII of Directive 2006/87/EC, only Articles 2 and 3 are applicable.

Article 5

Withdrawal of the status of approved organisation

The status of approved organisation shall be withdrawn by decision of the Committee after consultation with the organisation in question, in the following cases:

- a) if the organisation no longer satisfies the criteria listed in Article 1 of these Internal Regulations;
- b) in the event of a major conflict between the Committee and the organisation in question;
- c) if the organisation does not abide by its undertakings as an approved organisation, in particular as concerns the confidentiality of the work of the Committee and that of its working groups;
- d) if the organisation does not take sufficient part in the work of the Committee in the areas of activity for which it has been approved.
