

Workshop on the new model of the INVC

Different uses of the vessel certificate - Perspective of the regulators

*Views of the European
Commission*

Directive (EU) 2016/1629

"CHAPTER 2 NAVIGATION CERTIFICATES

Article 5

Compliance with technical and safety requirements

1. Member States shall ensure that craft referred to in Article 2(1) operating on the Union inland waterways referred to in Article 4 are constructed and maintained in accordance with the requirements set out in this Directive.
2. Compliance of a craft with paragraph 1 shall be attested by a certificate issued in accordance with this Directive."

see also recital 7

"(7) Union inland navigation certificates attesting that craft are fully compliant with the technical requirements should be valid on all Union inland waterways."



Purpose of the certificate

Attesting the compliance with the Directive (EU) 2016/1629

- This means vessel safety – the purpose of the Directive, see:

“Article 1

This Directive establishes:

(a) the technical requirements necessary to ensure the safety of craft navigating on the inland waterways referred to in Article 4; [...]

- Compliance with the technical requirements needed for navigation (see Article 7).



Model INVC

- No model in the provisions – (
- So first page of INVC could b

Union inland navigation Certificate Rhin -Vessel-Inspection-Certificate	
No. 12345-2025	
Issuing State	
(Coat of Arms of issuing state)	
1.1.1 Unique European Vessel Identification Number (ENI):	12345678
1.1.2 Name of the craft:	Motor Cargo Vessel 1
1.1.3 Type of craft:	Motor cargo vessel
1.1.4 Type of craft – extension:	---
1.2.5 Date of initial inspection:	dd.mm.yyyy
1.2.6 Issuing Authority / Inspection Body:	Inspection Body ABC
1.2.7 Type of Inspection:	Periodical Inspection
1.2.8 Attestation issued by the recognised classification society	XXX
1.2.9 Date of issue of the attestation according to 1.2.8.	dd.mm.yyyy
1.2.10 Place of Issue:	XYZ
1.2.11 Date of issue:	dd.mm.yyyy
1.2.12 Expiry Date:	dd.mm.yyyy
Authentication of certificate (optional)	
- Qualified electronic signature	
- QR-Code	
- Wet stamp and signature ([1.2.13/1.2.14])	
- Etc.	
<small>The craft may be used for navigation by virtue of this inland navigation vessel certificate only while in the condition herein described.</small>	
<small>In the event of major alterations or repairs, the craft must undergo a special inspection before any new voyage.</small>	
<small>The owner of a craft, or his representative, shall bring to the notice of the inspection body any change in the name or ownership of a craft, any re-measurement, and any change in the registration or home port, and shall send the inland navigation vessel certificate to that inspection body for amendment.</small>	
<small>The entries on this inland navigation vessel certificate are made in conformity with the requirements of the European Standard for Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (ES-TRIN) without prejudice to restrictions and limitations imposed by applicable navigational police regulations (e.g. permitted maximum dimensions of vessels or convoy formations).</small>	

the model certificate
vessel is safe

You can stop working ☺



Model INVC – general regulatory nature

- Vessel inspections are looking at the compliance with norms, standards and the general safety of vessel in accordance with the statutory legal requirements.
 - The assessment of compliance requires information concerning the vessel, including modalities for safe operation.
 - This information is to be included in the vessel certificate.
 - The certificate in turn attests the safety relevant properties.
- Which information? This is a technical question!



Model INVC – what else?

- Certificates are uploaded next other vessel data to EHDB. This information may be used for inter alia statistical purposes and ensuring waterway and infrastructure management.
- Further information?
 - Data is the New Oil! The more data, the better for statistics and overview over the fleet.
 - Important for policymaking and development of rules, etc.
 - Tempting to gather “information on the go”.
- Tension → administrative burden and purpose of INVC. Data can be used for other purposes other than safety, but should be related to safety.



Thank You

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