CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR THE NAVIGATION OF THE RHINE (CCNR)

Different uses of the Rhine vessel certificate Perspective of the CCNR

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Rhine Vessel certificate = essential tool to implement Rhine regulations



- Primary objective = Demonstration of compliance with safety requirements
- Used to implement several regulations (police rules, vessel inspection, crew requirements...)
- Certificate used by an important number of stakeholders
 - => The revision of the model is therefore an important work

Some key aspects for the CCNR

- Call for a systematic approach: new boxes to avoid free text that is difficult to read and understand
- Modular approach => fit for purpose



Revision of model certificate = compatible with CCNR and EU regulatory regimes







Rhine Vessel Inspection Regulations (RVIR) CCNR





Core technical requirements for inland navigation vessels

Reference to

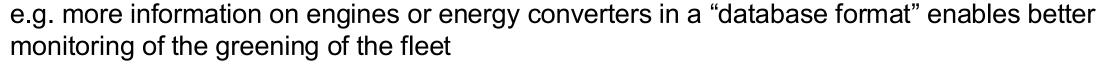
- Continued harmonization of the two regulatory regimes
- One standard, two certificates valid on Rhine and EU waterways (new vessels after nov 2008)

Revision of model certificate is an opportunity for a better link with databases 🕹

- New model needs to be "digital ready"
- Digitalization offers new possibilities by collecting and storing information in a consistent manner
- CCNR promotes development of inland navigation digitalization, an important pilar of CCNR's ministerial Mannheim Declaration

Opportunities

- ⇒allows statistics to be generated via the database
- ⇒ allows to improve knowledge of inland navigation
- ⇒ supports development of public policies

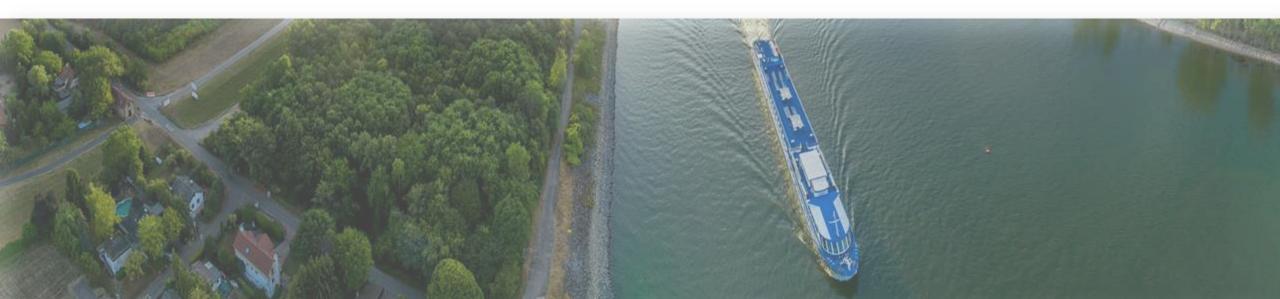




A future proof model of Vessel certificate



- Important to foresee a certificate design enabling its evolution
- Possible future needs of new data fields, e.g.
 - systems required for automation
 - ability to be remoted operated
 - alternative fuels ...





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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