

Workshop on the new model of inland navigation vessel certificate



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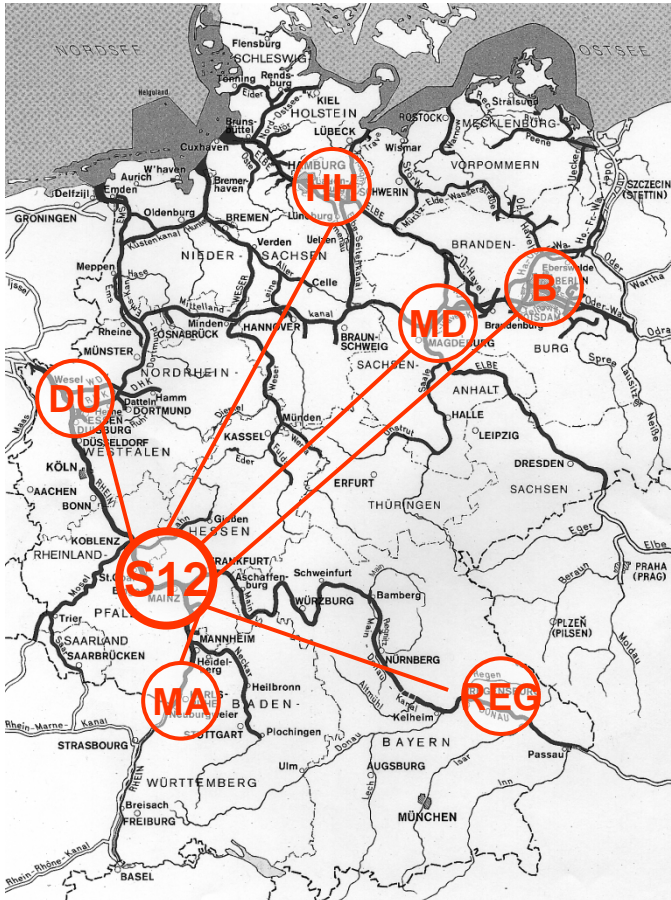


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Organisation of ship inspection and certification in Germany



GDWS, Dezernat S12 - office in Mainz

- Handling of inspections cases
- Check of inspection reports and owners' submissions
- Issuing of the certificates
- Invoicing
- File management etc.

Satellite offices – locations of inspection bodies

- Mannheim
- Duisburg
- Hamburg
- Magdeburg
- Berlin
- Regensburg

Point of view of the German inspection body - what is the inland navigation vessel certificate?

- Official confirmation, to be carried onboard in the original, that the vessel complies with (inter)national technical regulations
- Permission to participate in traffic on the approved waterway zones
- The content regulates the technical condition and equipment of the vessel
- Represents the result of the administrative act of technical approval

What is the significance/benefit of the inland navigation vessel certificate for the inspection body?

- Central regulatory instrument for traffic licensing
- Contains all essential information about the vessel
 - ship owner (according to ship's registration)
 - key technical and certification information
 - to be derived from this:
 - *Applicable technical regulations*
 - *Applicable transitional provisions*
 - equipment standard and minimum crew

What are the core elements of an inland navigation vessel certificate as a document?

- Proof of traffic certification and operating license for the ship owner
- Contains information on the technical characteristics and conditions under which the crew is permitted to operate the vessel
- Limitation of operation (e.g. after an accident) by confiscation of the certificate
- Certificate belongs to the ship
- Certificate is legally transferable

Expectations – desirable aspects to be observed within the development of the new model

- Legal aspects of issuance of the certificate
- Readability
- Changes and inspections possible by any inspection body, without any loss of information
- Professional design
- Updated instructions (see ESI-I-2) to fill in information
- Obligation for forgery-proof document paper (as long as the certificate is not digitalized)