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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2019/1668

of 26 June 2019

amending Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC [1], and in particular Article 31(1), (3) and (4) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) Directive (EU) 2016/1629 introduced a harmonised system for issuing technical certificates for inland waterway vessels complied with unified technical requirements.

(2) Annex II to Directive (EU) 2016/1629 sets out that the technical requirements applicable to crafts are those set out in ES-TRIN standard 2017/1.

(3) Union action in the sector of inland navigation should aim to ensure uniformity in the development of technical requirements for inland waterway vessels to be applied in the Union.

(4) The European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation ('CESNI') was set up on 3 June 2015 in the framework of the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine ('CCNR') in order to develop technical standards for inland waterways in various fields, in particular as regards vessels, information technology and crew.

(5) At its meeting on 8 November 2018 CESNI adopted a new European Standard laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigations vessels, the ES-TRIN standard 2019/1 [2].

(6) ES-TRIN standard lays down the uniform technical requirements necessary to ensure the safety of inland navigation vessels. It includes provisions regarding shipbuilding, fitting out and equipment for inland navigation vessels, special provisions regarding specific categories of vessels such as passenger vessels, pushed convoys and container vessels, provisions regarding the automatic identification system equipment, provisions regarding vessels identification, a model of certificates and register, transitional provisions as well as instructions for the application of the technical standard.

(7) The CCNR is to amend its legislative framework, the Rhine Vessel Inspection Regulations, to refer to the new standard and make that new standard mandatory in the framework of the application of the Revised Convention for Rhine Navigation.

(8) Directive (EU) 2016/1629 should therefore be amended accordingly,

[1] OJ L 252, 16.9.2016, p. 118.
[2] Resolution CESNI 2018-II-1

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II of Directive (EU) 2016/1629 is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from 1 January 2020.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 June 2019.

For the Commission
The President
Jean-Claude JUNCKER

ANNEX

'ANNEX II

MINIMUM TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CRAFT ON INLAND WATERWAYS OF ZONES 1, 2, 3 AND 4

The technical requirements applicable to craft are those set out in ES-TRIN standard 2019/1.'