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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 91(1), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) The Revised Convention for Rhine Navigation (‘the Convention’) entered into force on 14 April 1967.

(2) Pursuant to Article 46 of the Convention, the Central Commission for Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) is able to adopt resolutions which are binding for its members.

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

(4) At its next meeting, which is due to take place on 15 October 2019, CESNI will adopt standards on models in the field of professional qualifications in inland navigation. The CCNR will also adopt a resolution that will incorporate those models into the Regulations for Rhine navigation personnel.

(5) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in CESNI and the CCNR, as the standards on models in the field of professional qualifications will decisively influence the content of Union law, namely Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(1)].

(6) In order to facilitate mobility and ensure safety, it is important that the models used by crew members for the purpose of ensuring the recognition of their qualifications be as harmonised as possible under the different legal regimes across Europe. In particular, Member States that are also members of the CCNR should be authorised to support decisions harmonising CCNR rules with those applied in the Union.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/1608. (See end of Document for details)*

(7) The models developed by CESNI for qualification certificates, for the service record book, for the logbook, for a single document combining qualification certificates and the service record book and for practical examination certificates constitute a harmonisation of European standards.

(8) The position of the Union should be expressed by the Member States that are members of CESNI and the CCNR, acting jointly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1 The position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the European Committee for drawing up standards in the field of inland navigation (CESNI) on 15 October 2019 shall be to agree to the adoption of the European standards on models in the field of professional qualifications in inland navigation set out in the attachment to this Decision.

2 The position to be taken on behalf of the Union at the meeting of the plenary session of the Central Commission for Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) shall be to support all proposals that align the requirements of the Regulations for Rhine navigation personnel with those of the European standards on models in the field of professional qualifications in inland navigation set out in the attachment to this Decision.

Article 2

1 The position referred to in Article 1(1) shall be expressed by the Member States that are members of CESNI, acting jointly.

2 The position referred to in Article 1(2) shall be expressed by the Member States that are members of the CCNR, acting jointly.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 16 September 2019.

For the Council

The President

T. TUPPURAINEN

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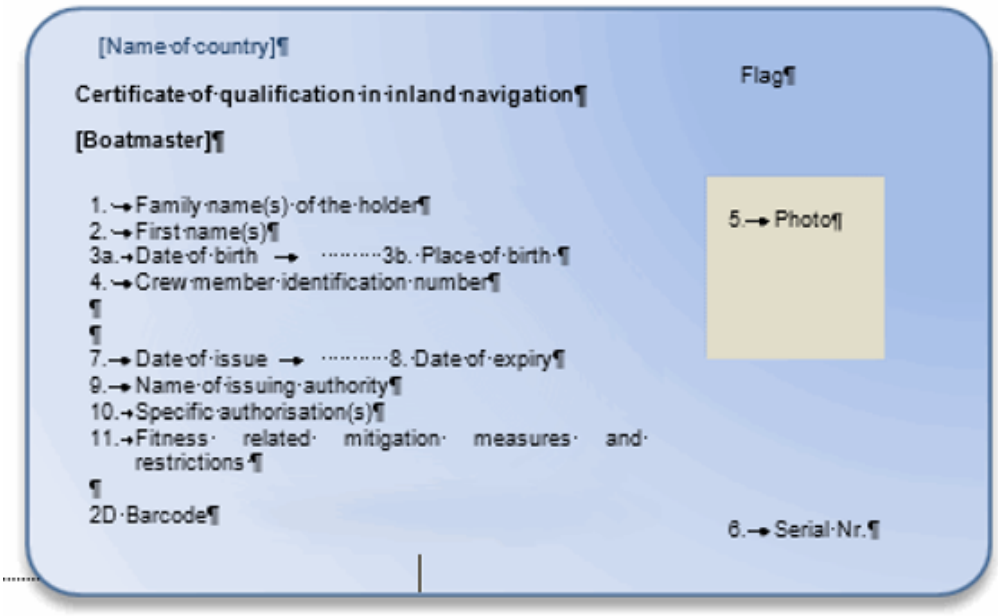
ATTACHMENT

CESNI STANDARDS FOR MODELS IN THE FIELD OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS IN INLAND NAVIGATION

1. STANDARDS FOR MODELS OF CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION AS A BOATMASTER AND FOR CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION AS A LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) EXPERT AND AS A PASSENGER NAVIGATION EXPERT

1.1. Standard for an electronic format for certificates of qualification

The model for certificates of qualification as a boatmaster and the model for certificates of qualification as a liquefied natural gas (LNG) expert or as a passenger navigation expert shall be the PDF/A document that includes the data related to the concerned certificate, which may be extracted from the database referred to in Article 25(2) of Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(2)], under the crew member personal file. The certificate of qualification shall be issued in an electronic form with a 2D barcode including the security features allowing verification of origin and integrity of data in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council[(3)] (eIDAS Regulation).



Instructions:

1. Current family name(s) of the holder

2. Current first name(s) of the holder
   Names shall be entered as in the concerned person's ID card or in the concerned person's passport in UNICODE.
   If a name is spelled differently in UNICODE and in ASCII, there shall also be a transcription in ASCII in brackets.

3a. Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

3b. Place of birth (city)

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4. Crew member identification number of the holder as in the database referred to in Article 25(2) of Directive (EU) 2017/2397

5. Physical identification of the holder through importation of electronic image file

6. Serial number of certificate

7. Date of issue of certificate

8. Date of expiry

9. Name of issuing authority

10. Specific authorisation(s) coded: R (for sailing with the aid of radar); M (for sailing on inland waterways with a maritime character); Stretches for specific risk as coded in the European Reference Data Management System (ERDMS); C (for sailing large convoys), coded with the issuing authority and indication of serial number of the authorisation

11. Fitness related mitigation measures and restrictions (code 01 until 09 as in ES-QIN)

For the certificates of qualification as a liquefied natural gas (LNG) expert and as a passenger navigation expert, points no. 10 and 11 shall not apply.

As regards the Union certificates of qualifications, the title of the document may be replaced by

European Union certificate of qualification in inland navigation

and the flag may be the European Union flag.

As regards certificates of qualifications issued in accordance with the Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel, the title of the document may be replaced by

CCNR certificate of qualification

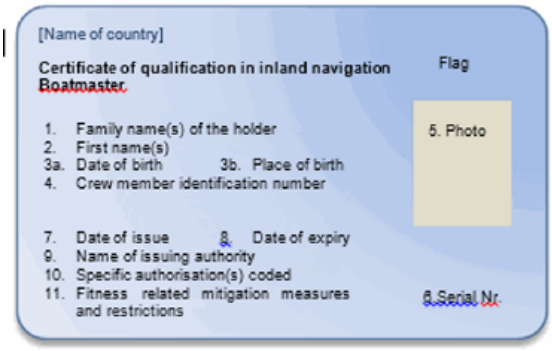
and the flag may be the CCNR flag.

Visual characteristics of the certificate of qualification: Background in light blue colour, printable in A4

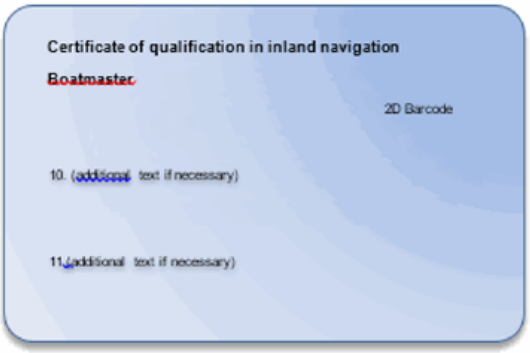
1.2. **Standard for a physical format for certificates of qualification as a boatmaster**

1.2.1. *Model for the certificates of qualification as a boatmaster*

(front)



(back)



Instructions:

1. Current family name(s) of the holder

***Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/1608. (See end of Document for details)*

2. Current first name(s) of the holder

Names shall be entered as in the concerned person's ID card or in the concerned person's passport in UNICODE.

If a name is spelled differently in UNICODE and in ASCII, there shall also be a transcription in ASCII in brackets.

3a. Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

3b. Place of birth (city)

4. Crew member identification number of the holder as in the database referred to in Article 25(2) of Directive (EU) 2017/2397

5. Physical identification of the holder through importation of electronic image file

6. Serial number of certificate

7. Date of issue of certificate

8. Date of expiry

9. Name of issuing authority

10. Specific authorisation(s) coded: R (for sailing with the aid of radar); M (for sailing on inland waterways with a maritime character); Stretches for specific risk as coded in ERDMS); C (for sailing large convoys)

11. Fitness related mitigation measures and restrictions (code as in ES-QIN)

As regards the Union certificates of qualifications, the title in the front and back sides of the document may be replaced by

European Union certificate of qualification in inland navigation

Boatmaster

and the flag may be the European Union flag.

As regards certificates of qualifications issued in accordance with the Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel, the title in the front and back sides of the document may be replaced by

CCNR certificate of qualification

Boatmaster

and the flag may be the CCNR flag.

Physical characteristics of the certificate of qualification as a boatmaster: Background in light blue colour. Card format ID1 according to ISO / IEC 7810.

1.2.2. *Model for certificates of qualification as a liquefied natural gas (LNG) expert or as a passenger navigation expert*