

Information about compliance with the regulations of Part C

Rijkswaterstaat press release

Rijkswaterstaat installs new containers for the collection of 'other waste generated on board'

Skippers must ensure the ECO card has a chip

Communication from the Dutch delegation

Rijkswaterstaat will start replacing open collection containers for refuse and residual and small hazardous waste at the start of February. The open containers will be replaced by closed containers. Waste can only be issued during the course of 2013 when a subscription has been concluded with the SAB (Stichting Afvalstoffen & Vaardocumenten Binnenvaart; Association for Inland Navigation Waste and Navigation Documents). Rijkswaterstaat will be providing the concrete details for Part C of the international Convention on the Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways through this in which it has been agreed that "the polluter pays principle" also applies to other waste generated on board.

The waste Convention CDNI

The Convention on the Collection, Deposit and Reception of Waste produced during Navigation on the Rhine and Inland Waterways came into effect in 1996, which is also referred to as the CDNI. This is an international convention between the Rhine riparian states, Belgium and Luxembourg in which, for example, it is arranged how boatmen must deposit waste, how waste is collected and how the boatman or shipper must pay for the processing of this waste. Important principles include: a prohibition of discharging waste, reducing waste production and the introduction of the "the polluter pays principle".

The Convention has three parts:

- Part A: oily and greasy waste produced in the course of operating the vessel;
- Part B: waste connected with the cargo subdivided in dry and liquid cargo;
- Part C: other waste produced in the course of operating the vessel, that is, refuse and residual and small hazardous waste.

Part B came into effect immediately in November 2009 and Part A was implemented as from 1st January 2011. Part C of the Convention will now also be implemented.

What will this mean for boatmen?

The current collection structure - open roller containers alongside the waterway and containers at special dedicated points on the quay side - is not suitable to meet "the polluter pays principle". Therefore, a closed system will be implemented to which access will be granted with the existing ECO card that is used in relation to Part A. The card will have a special chip and will, therefore, act as a 'key'. Residual and small hazardous waste will only be collected on collection vessels when the boatman has an ECO card that has a chip. Locking the containers will ensure that they are not abused by private individuals on the quay side and it ensures that a subscription system can be introduced.

Boatmen must ensure themselves that their ECO card has a chip. They can obtain a chip free of charge from the SAB (Stichting Afvalstoffen & Vaardocumenten Binnenvaart).

Costs

Residual waste can only be deposited in locked containers as from 1st March 2013. When all preparations have been completed, the subscription system will come into effect probably as from 1st July 2013. 'Other waste' can be disposed free of charge up to this time.

The system is close to what the sector previously expressed it wanted with regard to financing, that is, an annual contribution. Boatmen can take out a subscription with the SAB to pay the annual fixed contribution. Subsequently, the chip on the ECO card will be activated and, therefore, they will have access to waste containers. The SAB will register how often depositing takes place but not the quantity through the ECO card.

The basic rate for regular cargo vessels will be between 500 and 600 euros a year. This amount is comparable with the annual costs for private individuals and small companies.

The SAB will be in charge of the actual collection and the subscription system. The SAB already does this for Part A.

New containers

Rijkswaterstaat will facilitate the introduction of Part C of the CDNI by replacing open containers by closed containers. At the start of February, replacing the containers will commence. Fencing will be erected to close-off open dedicated points in a number of cases. The chip will be required to open the containers and fences as from that moment.

The number of collection points will remain more or less the same but the capacity for each collection point will increase. The exact locations can be found on the SAB website: www.sabni.nl.

More information

Should you have any questions about the collection organisation and funding, please contact the SAB (Stichting Afvalstoffen & Vaardocumenten Binnenvaart), tel. +31(0)10-412 95 44. The special ECO card chip can be applied for through www.sabni.nl, telephone number +31(0)10-798 98 98 (option 2) or straight at the SAB's desk.

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