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Air protection and regulation of the degassing of vessels: deposition of the first instrument ratifying the amendment to the CDNI



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Strasbourg, 07.02.2020 - The Grand-Duchy of **Luxembourg** was the **first State** to deposit the **instrument of ratification** of the amendments to the CDNI (Convention on the collection, deposit and reception of waste produced during navigation on the Rhine and inland waterways). The first step in ensuring **air protection** by **regulating the degassing of inland navigation vessels** has been taken. The amendment will come into force **six months after** the **final instrument** of ratification has been deposited.

The instrument of ratification was deposited by the Ambassador, Mr Stefan Müller, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg's Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe. The deposition was made to the Secretary General of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR), Mr Bruno Georges, which is the depository authority, in the presence of the Executive Secretary of the CDNI, Ms Katrin Moosbrugger.

In accordance with the polluter pays principle, the amendment aims to protect the air against **harmful gaseous residues**. These residues arise from certain liquid cargoes, included in a list, loaded by

vessels, and which are to be evacuated prior to loading the next cargo. The six Member States of the CDNI adopted these new regulations for establishing the necessary procedures and facilities for receiving and handling these gaseous residues.

A dedicated webpage addressing these new provisions and their implementation, containing all the relevant information will be published in the first quarter of 2020.

About the CDNI (www.cdni-iwt.org)

The Convention of 9 September 1996 on the collection, deposit and reception of waste produced during navigation on the Rhine and inland waterways (CDNI) has been in force since 01 November 2009. It has six Contracting States (Germany, Belgium, France, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Netherlands, and Switzerland); its aim is to protect the environment, particularly water. To this end, the CDNI puts in place rules aiming to discourage the production of waste, to channel this waste towards a network of dedicated reception stations throughout the navigable waterway network, to finance these initiatives at the international level in accordance with the “polluter pays” principle, as well as monitor compliance with the bans on discharging the waste in question into the surface water. One amendment of the Convention, currently being ratified, concerns the receipt of gaseous residues of liquid cargoes with the aim of protecting the atmosphere.

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