

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Winter session 2022 of the Contracting Parties Conference**



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**Strasbourg, 20.12.2022** – On the agenda of the Conference of the Contracting Parties (CPC) on 20 December last: the new SPE-CDNI electronic payment system, the ban on degassing and the attestation of unloading for tanker shipping. The meeting took place in Strasbourg, chaired by Mr Ivo Ten Broeke, the head of the Dutch delegation to the CDNI.

**Evolution of the electronic payment system, SPE-CDNI 3.0**

1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 saw the introduction of an electronic payment system (SPE-CDNI) for the collection and disposal of oily and greasy waste resulting from the operation of vessels. The disposal of this waste is financed by a disposal charge paid by the craft's operator. The current transaction system, based on ECO cards and terminals, will be replaced on 15 August 2023 by a fully digitised system based on smart phone applications – SPE-CDNI 3.0. Fallback solutions for exceptional cases (for example: no mobile phone network reception; craft operators not in possession of a smart phone) will also be available.

Discussions on the development, implementation and maintenance of SPE-CDNI 3.0. are currently in progress. The objective is to ensure uniform, easy-to-use arrangements for paying the disposal charge while reducing the electronic payment system's operating costs.

**State of play on the ban on degassing**

The new provisions governing the treatment of gaseous residues produced by liquid cargoes is an important topic for the CDNI. The entry into force of this major amendment of the convention will be a real step forward for environmental protection.

The Conference of the Contracting Parties on 20 December was an opportunity to exchange views on the problems associated with creating the infrastructure and on progress with ratifications. As of now, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium have lodged the instrument of ratification. The ratification procedure is in progress for France and Switzerland, but with the anticipated lodging date unknown.

In addition, a map of operational degassing stations open to the public is regularly updated on the following web page: <https://www.cdni-iwt.org/points-of-acceptance/?lang=en>.

## Revision of the attestation of unloading for tanker shipping

The delegations are currently working on a revision of the attestation of unloading for tanker shipping. This revision was largely finalised at the working group meeting on 25 and 26 October 2022 and was discussed at the CPC meeting on 20 December last year. This revision also entailed a wide-ranging consultation of the Contracting States and approved associations.

The new concept for the attestation of unloading for tankers will also take account of washing while under way. This was not the case in the previous version of the attestation of unloading. Amendments will also be made to the Implementing regulation, arising from the revision of the attestation of unloading.

## Workshop with the authorities responsible for implementing the CDNI

The CPC envisages the holding of an international workshop on 25 October 2023 with the authorities responsible for implementing the CDNI.

The workshop has two main objectives:

- an exchange of experience applying the CDNI between the relevant authorities: this enables practices to be harmonised and, with it, the implementation of the CDNI throughout its entire scope,
- a dialogue between the experts responsible for drafting the CDNI and the individuals responsible for its application: this will enable feedback on problems with the interpretation or application of the CDNI.

Additional information will be communicated in the next few months.

## Forthcoming meetings

The next meeting of the Contracting Parties will be in Strasbourg on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

The next meeting of the of the CDNI Working Group is scheduled for 25 and 26 April 2023.

The International Clearance and Coordination Body will meet on 16 May 2023.

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### **About the CDNI ([www.cdni-iwt.org](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009. It has six Contracting States (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Switzerland) and aims to protect the environment, and especially water. To this end, the CDNI establishes the rules for:*

- **encouraging the prevention** of waste production,
- **directing this waste to a network of dedicated reception stations** throughout the navigable waterway network,
- **providing international financing** for these initiatives having regard to the “**polluter pays**” principle
- **monitoring** compliance with the bans on discharging the waste in question into the surface water.

*One amendment to 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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