

Article 45 bis

The powers of the Central Commission provided for in article 45 c) shall be exercised by a Chamber of Appeal consisting of one judge and one deputy for each Contracting State.

The Central Commission shall appoint for a period of six years judges and deputies from among the persons proposed for this purpose by each of the Contracting States, who must possess legal training or experience of Rhine navigation.

Any State may decline for a period of not less than one year to propose a judge and a deputy for the Chamber of Appeal.

A member of the Chamber of Appeal may not be dismissed except by a unanimous decision of the Central Commission. The members of the Chamber of Appeal shall carry out their duties in full independence and shall not be bound by any instructions. They may not take part in a case of which they have already had cognizance in another capacity.

The deputy shall deputize for the appointed judge when he cannot attend or in case of vacancy or objection.

The Chamber of Appeal shall elect its Chairman from among the members with legal training. His appointment shall be for three years and may be renewed.

Article 45 ter

The Central Commission shall establish the procedural rules of the Chamber of Appeal.