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CCNR publishes information document on the obligation to equip with an Inland AIS device and an electronic chart display system

Strasbourg, 14.11.2014 – The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) has introduced the obligation to equip with an Inland AIS device and an electronic chart display system. The obligation will apply from 1 December 2014. To ease implementation of its decision, the CCNR has compiled an information document, which will help boatmasters with the everyday application of the regulations by answering specific questions. The document is now available for download at : [Clarifications regarding the requirement of equipment with an Inland AIS device and an Inland ECDIS device \(or a comparable chart display device\)](#) in Dutch, French and German; an English version will be available soon.

At its plenary sessions in December 2013 and June 2014, the CCNR adopted resolutions on the introduction of an obligation to equip with an AIS Inland device coupled with an Inland ECDIS device in information mode (or a comparable device for displaying electronic charts). These resolutions, intended to improve the safety and good order of navigation on the Rhine, will enter into force on 1 December 2014. To accompany implementation of this important decision, a good number of preparatory meetings have been held, including two workshops for discussion with the profession, one workshop for discussion with the producers of electronic charts, and one workshop with all the parties concerned by the new obligation. The CCNR believes it is essential not only to involve the profession in drawing up new regulations but also to assist the profession in implementing them.

It is with this in mind that an information document has been developed by the CCNR Working Groups, with support from experts and the profession. The document, directed at boatmasters, will provide clear answers to the various questions that will arise in practise in respect of the demands made by these new regulations.

About the CCNR (www.ccr-zkr.org)

The Central Commission is an international organisation that exercises an essential regulatory role in the navigation of the Rhine. It is active in the technical, legal, economic and environmental fields. In all its areas of action, its work is guided by the efficiency of transport on the Rhine, safety, social considerations, and respect for the environment. Many of the Central Commission's activities now reach beyond the Rhine and are directly concerned with European navigable waterways more generally. The Central Commission works closely with the European Commission and with other river commissions and international organisations.

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