Introduction

The new Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel (RPN) entered into force on 1 April 2023: https://www.ccr-zkr.org/13020500-en.html#04

It provides the rules applicable to crew members and safety personnel qualifications, medical fitness and manning requirements. The RPN applies from Basel to the open sea.

This flyer aims to describe in a simple manner the main changes for the different users.

For more information

The explanatory note to the new RPN gives details of each individual change. It also contains a table of correspondence between the old and new articles of the RPN: https://www.ccr-zkr.org/13020500-en.html#04

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More flexible crew regulations

Derogations from the minimum crew requirement are now possible in order to support pilot projects, particularly in the field of automation (Article 17.02).

Transitional provisions (Chapter 20)

All documents (boatmaster certificates, service record books and logbooks) that have been valid before 1 April 2023, be it documents issued according to the RPN or recognised by the CCNR as being equivalent before the entry into force of the new RPN remain valid until 18 January 2032 (unless they expire before).

During this period, they can be exchanged at any time by any competent authority of a Member State of the CCNR.