

# REVISION OF THE RULES GOVERNING THE INSTALLATION OF AN INLAND AIS DEVICE WITH EFFECT FROM 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2015

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On 1st December 2014 the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) made it mandatory to possess an Inland AIS device, coupled with an electronic chart display system. **With effect from 1st December 2015, only Inland AIS devices approved in accordance with edition 2.0 of the test standard may be fitted in vessels operating on the Rhine.**

The vessels concerned by this requirement are listed in article 4.07 (1) of the Rhine Police Regulations. To clarify this mandatory possession, the CCNR has published a communication document that can be downloaded from **the CCNR website**.

In accordance with article 7.06 (3) of the Rhine Vessel Inspection Regulations (RVIR), the Inland AIS device must be fitted by a specialist firm and the device must be type approved. Type approval is awarded by the competent authority of a member state of the CCNR based on the Test Standard for Inland AIS.

Most existing Inland AIS devices have been approved on the basis of Test Standard for Inland AIS 1.0 or 1.01. The CCNR's Police Regulations Committee adopted an edition 2.0 of the Test Standard for Inland AIS on 16 October 2012. This edition 2.0 of the Test Standard came into force on 19 October 2012. Since this date, the type approvals envisaged for Inland AIS devices in article 7.06 (3) of the RVIR are required to be issued based on edition 2.0 of the Test Standard for Inland AIS. Inland AIS devices approved in accordance with edition 1.0 or 1.01 of the Test Standard for Inland AIS may continue to be fitted until 30 November 2015. **The use of Inland AIS devices already fitted in inland waterway vessels at this date will also continue to be permitted after this date (30.11.2015).**

The CCNR draws the attention of approved installing companies and skippers to the fact that with effect from 1st December 2015, CCNR requirements will only permit Inland AIS devices to be installed that have a type approval issued on the basis of edition 2.0 of the Test Standard for Inland AIS. The list of these devices may be inspected **on the CCNR's website**.

## ABOUT THE CCNR

The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) 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 as well as with the other river commissions and international organisations.

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