

Abstract

For inland waterways vessels technical requirements a new EC Directive (2006/87/EC) has become in force.

New RINA Rules complying with the above directive have been laid down.

The directive mainly states:

- the competent authority that may issue the community inland navigation certificates
- requirements concerning the approved classification societies which may carry out technical inspections.
- technical requirements in Annex II

As far as the structural strength is concerned, the directive stated a minimum plating thickness.

New RINA Rules for inland navigation vessels are subdivided in six parts: A to F.

Requirements of pt A to E are compulsory; requirements in pt F are relevant to additional class notations to be applied when voluntarily required by the craft's owner.

Navigation limits are set on the basis of the significant wave height.

The period of class for inland navigation vessels is eight years: the periodical surveys are consequently spread.

Dangerous goods carriage (liquid or gases and dry) technical requirements make reference to the ADN Rules.

New RINA Rules will be completely in force during the next year