

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND NATIONAL LEGISLATION IN THE SPHERE OF INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT

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Nowadays the emphasis should be made on multi-modal transportation, such as a combination of road and river transport. Thus we would like to consider the regulations governing the inland water transportation. Among the international agreements the most significant are:

Convention concerning the regime for navigation on the Danube. It contains organizational provisions about regime of navigation on the Danube, procedure for defraying the cost. This convention initiated the development of international inland water transportation. The agreement on the general conditions of carriage of goods in international communication on the Danube. This agreement contains the rules that govern the relations between shipper, carrier and consignee. It reflects the procedure of granting the application for the carriage of goods, the list of transport documents, carrier's liability, amount of penalties. The European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance. This agreement defined the plan for the development and construction of a network of inland waterways of international importance. Budapest Convention on the Contract for the carriage of goods by inland waterway. The agreement describes the duties and responsibilities of the shipper, consignee, carrier; cases of exemption from liability, the amount of compensation. The purpose of this convention is: to harmonize legal statuses for the development of transportation, to establish uniform rules which concern to the contract for the carriage of goods by inland waterway.

In some cases and disputable situations the national legislation of one of the countries can be used. In The Republic of Belarus, the main regulation is a Code of inland waterway transport. The code describes the authorities in the area of inland water transport; operating rules of ports and facilities, issues relating to ownership, leasing and registration of the vessel; crew; the captain permissions. However, the rules of this Code aren't applied if international agreements of the Republic of Belarus establish different rules. That's why a logical development of regulations governing inland water transport would be the unification of international and national legislation.