

# Article 4.05 - Radiotelephony

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1. Every radiotelephone installation carried on board a [vessel](#) shall conform to the Regional Arrangement concerning the Radiotelephone Service on Inland Waterways, and shall be used in accordance with the provisions of this Arrangement. Details of these provisions are provided in the radiotelephony guide for inland navigation.

Vessels navigating in inland waterways not covered by the provisions of the above mentioned Regional Arrangement shall carry on board a radiotelephone installation operated in accordance with the requirements of the local competent authorities

2. Motorized [vessels](#), excluding [small craft](#), may navigate only if they are equipped with a radiotelephone installation in proper working order for ship-to-ship, nautical information and ship-to-port-authority networks. When [under way](#), the radiotelephone installation for the ship-to-ship and nautical information channels must be permanently in a ready-to-transmit and ready-to-receive state. The channel allocated to nautical information may only be left for a short time in order to transmit or receive information on other channels.

The radiotelephone installation shall ensure that two of these networks are monitored simultaneously.

The ship station used in the radiotelephone service for inland waterways may consist of either separate equipment for each of the service categories or equipment for combinations of several of those.

3. Ferry-boats and motorized floating equipment may only sail if they are equipped with a radiotelephone installation in proper working order. When under way, the radiotelephone installation for the ship-to-ship channel must be permanently in a ready to-transmit and ready to receive state. This channel may only be left for a short time in order to transmit or receive information on other channels. The first and the second sentence shall also apply during operation.

4. Each vessel equipped with a radiotelephone installation shall make reports on the channel allocated to the ship-to-ship network before entering blind sections, narrow channels or bridge openings and the sections determined by the competent authorities.

5. Sign B.11 ([annex 7](#)) shall indicate that the competent authority requires the use of radiotelephone communications.