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Dear Consultee

This consultation seeks comments on the Merchant Guidance Note which provides guidance on stability for fishing vessels of under 15m overall length. It is intended to replace MGN 427 with simplified guidance.

The consultation period will run for 4 weeks. Please send your responses to MCA by email to helen.duncan@mcga.gov.uk or to the address at the head of this letter by 6 July 2018.

The Consultation has one appendix.

Appendix 1 – MGN 526 (F)

The consultation documents are available online from the Gov.uk site at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?publication_filter_option=consultations

Please note a previous consultation was conducted on the MGN in 2014 and the results can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-of-the-revised-stability-guidance-for-fishing-vessels-of-under-15m-overall-length>

We would welcome your comments on the proposed MGN which should be forwarded to helen.duncan@mcga.gov.uk. This consultation will close on 6 July 2018.

This consultation and the comments received will be posted on the consultations page Gov.uk.

Freedom of Information

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

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Data Protection

The MCA is carrying out this consultation to gather evidence. The consultation is being carried out in the public interest to inform the development of policy. The MCA will use your contact details to send you information about the consultation, for example if we need to ask follow-up questions, as part of its functions as a government department. Your information will be kept secure and will not be used for any other purpose without your permission.

To find out more about how the MCA looks after personal data, your rights, and how to contact our data protection officer, please go to: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency/about/personal-information-charter>

If you do not wish to remain on this list, please reply and let us know.

Yours faithfully

David Fenner

Head of Fishing and Codes Policy

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1. Please indicate on which Consultation you are providing feedback:

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2a. Please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of:

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Yourself as an Individual		A Trade Association		A Company		A Government Organisation	
A Trade Union		Other (please specify)					

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3. Please rate the quality of this consultation regarding accuracy, good English and spelling:

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Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor

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Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor

6. Did you feel that the consultation was conducted over a sufficient period of time?

YES NO

7. Were any representative groups, organisations or companies not consulted who you felt should have been?

YES NO

If YES, who? _____

8. Please let us have any suggestions for improvement or other comments you wish to make about this consultation below:

Thank you for your time. Please return this form to:

Consultation Co-ordinator,
Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
Spring Place, Bay 2/23
105 Commercial Road
Southampton
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Or e-mail it to: consultation.coordinator@mca.gov.uk

If you are happy to supply your name in case we need to contact you to discuss your views further, please enter it below (this is optional and your feedback will still be taken into account if you wish to remain anonymous):

Name:

Tel No:

Please note that the deadline for responses to the Consultation itself does not apply to the return of this form.