

SAFETY BULLETIN 14 - Tecnicomar ECOMAR MED Certification

MAY 2019

Notification of MED Type Approval withdrawal and associated processes to follow

Summary of issue

The MCA, as the UK Market Surveillance Authority for marine equipment, is aware of the withdrawal of Marine Equipment Directive (MED) approval certification for certain Tecnicomar sewage treatment plant products from February 2019. See Annex 1 for the list of products and associated withdrawn certification.

The MCA wishes to inform UK ship operators that, as long as the MARPOL sewage certification is in place, for equipment already installed on board before February 2019, the MED Certificate withdrawal will not impact on the statutory certification compliance of UK vessels – this position should be the same elsewhere.

The UK has informed the European Commission, the Notified Body, and Manufacturer that the MCA is reviewing the risk to the marine environment as may or may not be posed by the existing installed Tecnicomar equipment for which MED certification has been withdrawn.

Until the MCA review of risk has concluded we do not have full objective evidence of the need to take action on statutory certification. Once the evaluation of risk has completed, we shall consider the most appropriate action to take, equal to the risks, if any, that may be identified, and the responsibilities placed upon the MCA by UK national legislation.

Actions to Take

No actions are to be taken while the MCA reviews the potential risks to the Marine Environment. If in the future any action is deemed by the MCA to be required, further industry notification shall be issued by the MCA. Any UK ship Master with a concern may contact Marine Technology in the MCA to request further advice and/or a letter to be held on board.

Further information

Further information may be obtained from marinetechnology@mcga.gov.uk

ANNEX A – List of Tecnicomar ECOMAR Products for which MED Certification was Withdrawn by the Notified Body from 15 February 2019

Certificate Number	MED Module	Model	Specified Standard	Certificate Valid From	Certificate Valid Until
MED1550293	B	ECOMAR20	MEPC.227(64), including para 4.2	22/12/2015	21/12/2020
MED1550294	B	ECOMAR32	MEPC.227(64), including para 4.2	22/12/2015	21/12/2020
MED1550295	B	ECOMAR45	MEPC.227(64), including para 4.2	22/012/2015	21/12/2020
MED1550296	B	ECOMAR70	MEPC.227(64), including para 4.2	22/012/2015	21/12/2020
MED1550297	B	ECOMAR145	MEPC.227(64), including para 4.2	22/012/2015	21/12/2020
MED1650019	B	ECOMAR340	MEPC.227(64), including para 4.2	14/01/2016	13/01/2021
MED1650020	B	ECOMAR545	MEPC.227(64), including para 4.2	14/01/2016	13/01/2021
MED1650164	D	ECOMAR 6 ECOMAR 6AC ECOMAR 8 ECOMAR 8AC ECOMAR 16 ECOMAR 24 ECOMAR 50 ECOMAR 120 ECOMAR 200 ECOMAR20 ECOMAR32 ECOMAR45 ECOMAR70 ECOMAR145 ECOMAR340 ECOMAR545		29/05/2016	28/05/2019