



MIN 538 (M) Amendment 2

Codes of Practice - Authorisation of Certifying Authorities

Notice to all Owners, Operators and Skippers of Small Vessels in Commercial Use and Certifying Authorities of this type of Vessel.

*This notice should be read with the Small Commercial Vessel Codes, Police Boat Codes and MGN 280. This notice replaces MIN 538 Amendment 1(M)
This MIN expires December 2020.*

Summary

The purpose of this Marine Information Note is to provide the revised contact details of the MCA authorised Certifying Authorities undertaking survey and certification work against the standards of the Small Commercial Vessel Codes of Practice, Police Boat Codes or MGN 280 (M)

1. Introduction/ Background

1.1 Certifying Authorities undertake survey and certification work under the Small Commercial Vessel Codes of Practice or MGN 280. The Codes of Practice are as follows:

- The Safety of Small Commercial Sailing Vessels – A Code of Practice (Blue Code)
- The Safety of Small Commercial Motor Vessels – A Code of Practice (Yellow Code)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats (Brown Code)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP) (Red Code)
- The Police Boat Codes (A, B, C, D)
- The Police Boat Code (PBC3)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats (Industry Working Group Technical Standard)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats. Edition 2
- MGN 280 (M) – Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure, Workboats and Pilot Boats – Alternative Construction Standards is available as an equivalent standard to the Small Commercial Vessel Codes of Practice.



2. Responsibilities

- 2.1 Certifying Authorities are authorised by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to examine and certificate small commercial vessels in accordance with the applicable requirements.
- 2.2 A Certifying Authority is responsible for each certificate it issues, and the relationship between the Certifying Authority and a vessel owner / managing agent is direct. This does not supersede the Code requirement that an owner is responsible for ensuring his / her vessel complies with the requirements applicable to that vessel.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of the owner / managing agent to ensure that a vessel is properly maintained, examined and manned in accordance with the relevant Code.
- 2.4 The following Certifying Authorities are authorised as Inspectors of Marks for the purpose of completion of Carving & Marking Notes, on UK ships of less than 24 metres in length.
- 2.5 The following Certifying Authorities are authorised to undertake inspections in accordance with the Maritime Labour Convention, on Coded vessels of less than 24 metres in length.

3. List of Certifying Authorities

- 3.1 The following is a list of the head offices of Certifying Authorities authorised through formal agreement to conduct survey and certification of all types of small commercial vessels against the standards of the Small Commercial Vessel Codes or MGN 280

Bureau Veritas

Suite 1 &2, Keel House
Tyne Dock
South Shields
Tyne and Wear
NE34 9PY
Tel: 0191 427 8170
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Burness Corlett Three Quays (Southampton) Ltd.

Beresford House
Town Quay
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SO14 2AQ
Tel: 023 80 33 9449
Fax: 023 80 33 9440
Email: info@bctq.com .

DNV-GL - Maritime

4500 Parkway
Solent Business Park
Whiteley
Hampshire
PO15 7AZ
Tel: 023 80 74 5940
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International Institute of Marine Surveying

Murrills House
48 East Street
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PO16 9XS
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Lloyd's Register EMEA

Global Technology Centre,
University of Southampton,
Bolderwood Campus,
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RINA UK Ltd

North Wing, 1st Floor
2 Charlotte Place
Southampton
SO14 0TB
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Royal Yachting Association

RYA House
Ensign Way
Hamble
Southampton
SO31 4YA
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**Society of Consulting Marine
Engineers and Ship Surveyors**

Ground Floor
Unit 5, Prospect House
7 Ocean Way
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**Yacht Designers and Surveyors
Association**

The Glass Works
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4. Applications to act as a Certifying Authority

4.1 Organisations wishing to act as a Certifying Authority should make a formal request in writing to the address at the bottom of this notice. Upon receiving a request, the criteria for acting as a Certifying Authority will be provided by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

More Information

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