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## 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 MGN280. This notice replaces MIN 421 (M)  
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### 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 (PCB2)

1.2 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, until the new enabling Statutory Instrument has been completed. Once completed, the new standards will be produced as a Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) and will supersede the current Small Commercial Vessel Codes listed above.



## 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.

## 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 MGN280.

### **Bureau Veritas**

Suite 1, Keel House  
Tyne Dock  
South Shields  
Tyne and Wear  
NE34 9PY  
Tel: 0191 427 8170  
Fax: 0191 427 8171  
Email: [GBR\\_NCT@uk.bureauveritas.com](mailto:GBR_NCT@uk.bureauveritas.com)

### **Burness Corlett Three Quays (Southampton) Ltd.**

Beresford House  
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SO14 2AQ  
Tel: 023 80 33 9449  
Fax: 023 80 33 9440  
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### **Det Norske Veritas**

14 Mitchell Point  
Ensign Way  
Hamble  
Southampton  
SO31 4RF  
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Fax: 023 80 74 5941  
Email: [RUK540@dnv.com](mailto:RUK540@dnv.com)

### **International Institute of Marine Surveying**

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

5 Town Quay  
Southampton  
SO14 2AQ  
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Email: [MCA.CodesofPractice@lr.org](mailto:MCA.CodesofPractice@lr.org)

### **MECAL Ltd**

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Plymouth  
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**Maritime and Coastguard Agency**

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105 Commercial Road  
Southampton  
SO15 1EG  
Tel: 023 80 32 9213  
Fax: 023 80 32 9104  
Email: [hqsurvey@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:hqsurvey@mcga.gov.uk)

**Port of London Authority**

London River House  
Royal Pier Road  
Gravesend  
Kent  
DA12 2BG  
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**Royal Yachting Association**

RYA House  
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Hamble  
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**Seafish Industry Authority**

Humber Seafood Institute  
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North East Lincolnshire  
DN37 9TZ  
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Email: [marineservices@seafish.co.uk](mailto:marineservices@seafish.co.uk)

**Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors**

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**Yacht Designers and Surveyors Association**

The Glass Works  
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Fax: 01730 710423  
Email: [dawn@ybdsa.co.uk](mailto:dawn@ybdsa.co.uk).



## 4. NDP Certifying Authorities

4.1 The following are Local Authorities and Harbour Commissioners authorised through formal agreement as NDP Certifying Authorities to conduct survey and certification of small commercial vessels against the standards of The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP) or the standards for vessels wishing to operate in area category 5 or 6 within MGN280.

### Padstow Harbour Commissioners

Harbour Office  
Padstow  
Cornwall  
PL28 8AQ  
Tel: 01841 532239  
Fax: 01841 533346  
Email: [padstowharbour@btconnect.com](mailto:padstowharbour@btconnect.com)

### Torrige District Council

Environmental Health & Public Protection  
Licensing Team  
Bridge Buildings  
Bideford  
Devon  
EX39 2HT  
Tel: 01237 428991  
Fax: 01237 428901  
Email: [licensing@torridge.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@torridge.gov.uk)

## 5. Applications to act as a Certifying Authority

5.1 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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