

Annex 2

Form of Permit to Operate High Speed Craft

A copy of POHSC form (MSF 1502) is attached to this annex

1. ISSUING A POHSC FOR A UK FLAG CRAFT

The POHSC is issued by the Lead surveyor (a flowchart is attached) to certify compliance with the general requirements of the HSC Code and, specifically, that the requirements of paragraphs 1.2.2 to 1.2.11 and 18.1.3 of the HSC Code have been met.

Although there are considerable differences between the requirements of the DSC and HSC Codes, the operational criteria are identical. The operational procedures, requirements and conditions for existing craft should therefore be the same as for new craft.

Before a POHSC can be issued, the following documents should be submitted by owners or operators to the MCA's relevant Lead Surveyor:

- .1 HSCSC - High Speed Craft Safety Certificate - for craft built to the HSC Code; **or**, Safety Certificate for craft built to the Dynamically Supported Craft Code;*
- .2 copies of the Craft Operating Manual and Route Operational Manual;*
- .3 evidence that Port States have been consulted.*
- .4 a statement from the Harbour Authorities in each port of call to confirm that the port authorities have agreed with the port arrangements made by the operators (eg. Noise pollution, Air Pollution, Customs, wash from the craft within the port limit, berthing, schedules, safety arrangements at terminals, etc);*
- .5 a statement from the Chief Operations Officer (COO) of HM Coastguard that they are satisfied that arrangements are in place to deal with reasonable, foreseeable emergencies, and Search and Rescue. The local Coastguard rescue co-ordination centre (MRCC/SC) would require a controlled copy of the Company Emergency Procedures manuals; and,*
- .6 a request from the operator or owner with the appropriate fees.*

Navigation and Communication Branch will continue to ensure consistency across Marine Offices by reviewing the draft POHSC and its supporting documentation before it is issued in final form by the local Marine Office.

2. POHSC FOR A FOREIGN FLAG CRAFT

The POHSC is issued by the Flag State. The Lead Surveyor in the relevant Marine office must be fully consulted about the operational conditions and the consultation with each Port State, each Port Authority and Coastguard. The craft's owners or operators must coordinate all documentation and liaise with the Lead Surveyor. The procedure is as above except that MCA will not issue the POHSC. Instead, the Lead surveyor will issue statement (in the format attached) on behalf of the UK (as the Port State) to certify compliance with the requirements. The owner should be advised that a copy of this statement should be kept on board with the POHSC and be available to MCA surveyors during inspection and/or ISM/SMC Audits.

The MCA may also be asked to issue a POHSC for a craft operating in UK waters on behalf of another flag State Administration. The Lead Surveyor will then issue the POHSC as for a UK flag craft.

3. VALIDITY AND CANCELLATION

A POHSC will be valid for a period not exceeding 12 months, subject to the parallel validity of the HSC Safety Certificate. A permit shall be re-issued for any amendment and after the validity period has expired. Any amendments or renewal of the permit should follow the same procedure as above. If all the conditions are unchanged, renewal should be no more than a paper exercise. In cases of renewal or change of operational area, when all the operating conditions remain within a similar envelope, an advisory note to MSAS(A) from the Lead Surveyor will be sufficient.

PERMIT TO OPERATE HIGH-SPEED CRAFT

*Issued under the provisions of the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft
(Resolution MSC.36(63))
under the Authority of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency an Executive Agency of the Department of the Environment,
Transport and the Regions*

PARTICULARS OF CRAFT

Name of craft	
Manufacturer's model and hull number	
Distinctive number or letters	
IMO Number*	
Port of Registry	
Category of craft	
Name of operator	

Areas or routes of operation

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Base port(s) :-

Maximum distance from place of refuge :- Miles

Maximum number of passengers permitted :-

Minimum manning scale required :-

Operational restrictions :-

1. Craft must not operate in sea conditions when the significant wave height exceeds m.
2. The Captain is responsible for the delaying or cancellation of a particular voyage should this be necessary in the event of an adverse weather forecast or any other reason which in his estimation warrants such action.
3. This permit allows the above operator to use High Speed Craft of the type, and in the areas specified above for the following purposes:
4. Subject to the conditions specified in the attached Annex.

This permit confirms that the service mentioned above has been found to be in accordance with the general requirements of 1.2.2 to 1.2.9 of the Code.

* In accordance with the IMO ship identification number scheme, adopted by the Organization by resolution A.600(15).

Permit No _____

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Name of Craft

THIS PERMIT is issued under the authority of the Government of _____

THIS PERMIT is valid until _____ subject to the High-Speed Craft Safety Certificate remaining valid

Issued at _____
(Place of issue of permit)

(Date of issue)

Signed:

(Signature of duly authorised official issuing the permit)

(Seal or stamp of the issuing authority, as appropriate)

Name

(Name of authorised official)

CRAFT'S NAME :
IMO NUMBER :
AREA OF OPERATION :
NAME OF THE OPERATOR :

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency of the United Kingdom is satisfied that the Permit to Operate High Speed Craft issued to the above craft by onmeets the operational requirements of the HSC Code and that the relevant authorities have been consulted.

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Signature of the duly authorised official

Date :.....

**FLOWCHART FOR ISSUING OR AMENDING
PERMIT TO OPERAT FOR HIGH SPEED CRAFT**

