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Dear Consultee,

Marine Information Notice: Passenger Ships - Five Year Certificates - Change in Policy

In December 2003, the MCA issued a General Exemption as a trial to permit a combined five year certificate to be issued instead of separate Passenger and Domestic Safety Management Certificates, issued with a validity of 12 months. This MIN details a change in policy to remove this exemption and issue annual certificates only, in line with the survey regime. It should be noted that there are no cost implications with this change in policy and it will not affect technical or survey requirements.

Please provide any comments and feedback to Joanna Dormon at the contact details above by the closing date of Friday 13th February 2015

Comments and responses will be published alongside the consultation itself in the closed consultations section of the website.

Freedom of Information Act

Please be aware that information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and 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.

An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

The Department will process your personal data in accordance with the DPA and in the majority of circumstances; this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

Consultation Criteria

This consultation will be conducted in accordance with the Cabinet Office Consultation Principles Guidance, which is available from:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance

This is a six week consultation running between 19 September and 31 October 2014.

Feedback

If you have any comments regarding the conduct of this consultation please contact the Consultation Co-ordinator at consultation.coordinator@mcga.gov.uk. We are continually trying to improve the way in which we conduct consultations and appreciate your views, so we would also be grateful if you could complete and return the feedback form. These should be submitted to the Consultation Co-ordinator and are not affected by the deadline for this consultation.

Yours sincerely

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