

List of Consultation Questions

Q1. Do you agree that all vessels should be required to carry EPIRBs? Are there reasons why certain categories or sizes of vessels need not carry an EPIRB or are there other conditions in which vessels need not carry an EPIRB?

Q2. For vessels which do not currently have the equipment on board that the Codes propose to make mandatory, is there any evidence that a voluntary approach would lead to an increase in its use?

Q3. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or other relevant information on the costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations (Option 1) that are identified in this IA

Q4. Consultees are invited to provide details of any additional costs and benefits of the proposed Regulations (Option 1) that have not been identified in this IA, and provide any additional evidence or other relevant information that is available on these costs and benefits.

Q5. Consultees are invited to comment on any of the assumptions that have been made in this IA, and are invited to propose alternative assumptions and provide supporting evidence or other relevant information.

Q6. Consultees are invited to propose alternative assumptions regarding the number of fishing vessels which would join the UK flag each year of the appraisal period, and provide supporting evidence or other relevant information

Q7. Consultees are invited to propose alternative assumptions regarding the number of fishing vessels which would leave the UK flag each year of the appraisal period, and provide supporting evidence or other relevant information.

Q8. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or other relevant information on the additional costs of fitting and maintaining the new equipment that would be required by the proposed Regulations (Option 1).

Q9. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or other relevant information on the additional costs of requiring skippers to conduct drills on board vessels when they are inspected against the Code of Practice. In particular, consultees are invited to advise whether there would be any additional costs to business from this requirement, including whether the requirement to conduct drills would impact on the productivity of affected fishing vessels and whether it would result in any additional employment costs for affected businesses.

Q10. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or other relevant information on the additional costs to owners of informing MCA of significant modifications to UK registered fishing vessels, particularly on whether there would be any additional costs to business from this requirement.

Q11. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or other relevant information on the additional costs of requiring Safety Certificates for vessels under 15m.

Q12. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or other relevant information on the additional costs of requiring an inspection upon change of ownership, particularly on whether there would be any additional costs to business from this requirement.

Q13. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or other relevant information on the additional costs of requiring new vessels of 12 – 15m to undergo a stability test and have a completed Stability Book.

Q14. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or other relevant information on the additional costs of requiring vessels of 24m and over to have shut offs for exhaust fans, particularly on the costs per vessel of meeting this requirement.

Q15. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or relevant information on the impacts of the proposed Regulations (Option 1) on safety.

Q16. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or relevant information on potential benefits of the proposed Regulations (Option 1) to Government.

Q17. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or relevant information on simplification benefits of the proposed Regulations (Option 1) to business.

Q18. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or relevant information on the impact of the proposed Regulations (Option 1) on insurance costs.

Q19. Consultees are invited to advise whether any of the non-monetised costs to business would significantly impact on the OITO assessment above.

Q20. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or relevant information on the impact of the proposed Regulations (Option 1) on small and micro businesses.

Q21. Consultees are invited to submit any additional evidence or relevant information on the impact of the proposed Regulations (Option 1) on competition.