

Marine Technology Branch (MTB) Consultation on MGN for Means of Recovery

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MTB would like to ask you the following questions to complete our responsibilities for considering the impacts of new measures, including guidance, under the banner of “Business Impact Target”.

We would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions in the context of the proposed new MGN on Means of Recovery.

Operational Impacts

1. Please provide an overview of what you see as being the operational impact on business of being able to operate vessels in accordance with the new policy described in the MGN. By making a comparison with what happens now, compared with how the position might look in two and five years from now, would be particularly useful. You might like to consider the following potential impacts:

- (a) Trading patterns/time savings;
- (b) Fuel costs;
- (c) What will be the financial (including operational) impact of the manning and crew training requirements?
- (e) Any other potential impacts.
- (f) Vessel design and construction

2. The proposed guidance addresses equipment aspects which differ from existing requirements. Please assess the proposed change against the current statutory requirements and highlight any aspects where you feel the change will offer cost savings, or conversely, where costs will be greater. Please quantify the costs and benefits, where possible.

3. Will you, as a vessel owner/operator or manufacturer of equipment, choose to invest by following the new guidance? If so, please quantify, preferably based upon your own company's position; or if not then from a general industry perspective.

4. Do you consider it will be more costly to follow the proposed guidance as opposed to the standards that are currently available? If so, please quantify costs and explain which standards are currently available.

5. Please comment on the flexibility and likelihood that the proposed guidance might provide for vessels built to this standard to operate in other States, outside of the UK.

6. Any other points you would wish to raise.

Impacts on Small and Micro Business Assessment

Micro – 10 or less employees

Small – 11-49 employees

Medium – 50-249 employees

7. If you operate a business, is it a micro, small or medium-sized? If you represent a particular sector (say) as a trade association, please consider this question in the context of your membership.
8. How many vessels do you currently operate in your sector, and in accordance with what standard are they built?
9. What are your fleet projections for the next two and five years and how many of those vessels do you expect to be built to the proposed guidance?