

PART A

CHAPTER 20

INTERNATIONAL FISHING VESSEL CERTIFICATE

20.1 Legal Requirements

20.1.1 Fishing vessels over 24 metres in registered length must comply with:

- The Fishing Vessels (EC Directive on Harmonised Safety Regime) Regulations 1999, SI 1999 No.2998, as amended, as appropriate which give effect in part to EU Council Directive 97/70/EC, as amended (which in turn implements the Torremolinos International Convention), and
- In the case of 'existing' fishing vessels (built before 1 January 1999), such rules of the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) Rules 1975, SI 1975 No.330 as amended, as specified in Rule 1A of those Rules.

20.2 Definitions

20.2.1 The principal definitions relating to the survey and certification of fishing vessels over 24 metres in registered length are described in regulation 2.

20.2.2 Types of FV Survey.

- Category A Survey - all the survey is carried out by the MCA or a Delegated Body with the exception of the radio survey which is carried out by an authorised radio surveyor (See MGN 392 (M&F) Radio Survey Service: Authorisation.
- Category B Survey - hull and machinery survey (FV(SP) Rules 1975, Rules 2-14 and 17-54, or 1993 Torremolinos Protocol Part II, Chapters II and IV as applicable), is carried out by appointed Classification Society Surveyor(s), The MCA is responsible for the remainder of the survey required by the FV(SP) Rules 1975, FV (EC Directive on Harmonised Safety Regime) Directive or MSN 1770. Radio survey carried out by authorised radio surveyor.

20.3 Responsibility

20.3.1 Radio surveys are conducted by authorised person and Declaration of Radio Survey for Fishing Vessel Certificate (MSF 1820) and Record of Equipment (MSF 1821) forwarded to the MCA, MGN 392 (M&F) refers.

20.3.2 All other items are subject to survey by MCA surveyors, although for vessels which have a current Certificate of Class, classed hull and machinery items will normally be accepted as satisfactory without duplication of survey.

20.4 Surveys Required

20.4.1 The HSSC does not apply to fishing vessel certificates and certificate life is limited to a maximum of 4 years. Vessels are subject to the following surveys:

- an **Initial Survey**, of all surveyable items
- an **Annual Survey**, of radio equipment
- an **Intermediate Survey**, of the items in chapters II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and X of the Annex to the Torremolinos Protocol
- a **Renewal Survey**, of all surveyable items
- an **Additional Survey**, if and as required

20.4.2 HSSC style flexibility in survey dates is considered desirable and the following survey 'windows' can be accepted:

Renewal Surveys (Reg. 6(1)(b)(i)): every four years, within three months before the expiry of the certificate. In such cases the new certificate may be issued for a period of four years from the expiry date of the previous certificate.

Intermediate Surveys (Reg. 6(1)(b)(ii)): every two years, within three months before or after the anniversary date.

Annual Periodical Radio Surveys (Reg 6(1)(b)(iii)): within three months before or after each anniversary date.

20.4.3 Where an extension has been requested in accordance with regulation 6(1)(b)(i) and 11(1), the radio and equipment surveys required by 6(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) shall as a minimum be carried out. On satisfactory completion, the existing certificate shall be extended by using the endorsement intended for this purpose, for a maximum period of 12 months from the expiry of the existing certificate.

20.4.4 An extension for a period of up to five months may be granted, when proper and reasonable, in accordance with Reg 11(2)(3), when the vessel is not in the port in which it is to be surveyed. But in such case, care should be taken to ensure this is only for the purpose of completing its 'voyage' and not to continue fishing until the owner decides to return home.

20.4.5 An extension for the period of grace (Reg. 11(4)) for one month may be granted, with or without inspection at the MCA surveyors discretion, depending on the previous condition and history of the vessel.

20.4.6 Except in special circumstances, as determined by MCA, where a renewal survey has been carried out after the expiry of the certificate, the new

certificate shall be issued for a period of validity not exceeding four years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate.

'anniversary date' means the day and month of each year which will correspond to the date of expiry of the International Fishing Vessel Certificate.

20.5 Pre-Survey Actions

20.5.1 The following items shall be checked prior to commencing the survey:

- SIAS
- MCA Survey Files
- Exemption Certificates
- New Legislative requirements
- Class Survey Status (via password protected websites) of classed vessels
- Hull & Machinery schedule for unclassified vessels (MGN 439 refers)

20.5.2 Remarks from previous surveys and outstanding deficiencies must be resolved to the satisfaction of the surveyor before the issue of a renewal International Fishing Vessel Certificate, or the endorsement of an existing certificate. Any overdue or postponed conditions of class must be followed up with the attending class surveyor or in the absence of a class surveyor discussed with Survey Operations Branch.

20.5.3 Surveys should only be commenced on receipt of a completed "Application for Survey" form (MSF 5100) and after sufficient fees have been received. Further guidance on fees is described in Part C, Chapter 2 of these instructions.

20.5.4 The relevant Business Support Unit administration team processes the application. CERS/SVD must be interrogated to ensure that the correct ship is on the system; if the vessel is not yet on the system (e.g. newbuild, flag-in), the Administrator (TST) should be contacted, who will check the details and arrange for the vessel to be added to the Single Vessel Database (SVD) if appropriate. A "job control sheet" (MSF 5108) is produced which is then tracked for charter standard purposes. This is then passed to the Manager, or other person nominated by them, who then appoints the Lead Surveyor (LS) for the survey.

20.6 Items to be Surveyed

20.6.1 The regulations require the survey of the vessel's structure, machinery and equipment, in accordance with regulation 6 of Chapter I of the Annex to the Torremolinos Protocol. This survey is to ensure that the hull structure, main and auxiliary machinery, boilers and other pressure vessels, the electrical system, radio installations, the fire protection arrangements, LSA, navigational equipment, nautical publications, pilot boarding and embarkation

arrangements, navigation lights & signals and the stability data are in compliance with regulations and are in all respects, satisfactory.

20.6.2 Further guidance can be found in the MSIS 27 Instructions for the Guidance of Surveyors on the 'Survey of Fishing Vessels' and MGN 439 describes the survey standards of unclassified over 24m vessels.

20.6.3 Aide *memoire* MSF 5551 & 5552 list items that should be surveyed and are available on the Master List of Documents and SCMS library.

20.7 Post Survey Actions

20.7.1 Deficiencies

20.7.1.1 The lead surveyor is responsible for recording and closing out any deficiencies found during the survey/s in the SIAS database, in accordance with the requirements of Part C Chapter 4 of these instructions.

20.7.2 Declarations & Certificates

20.7.2.1 The requirements relating to the issue and cancellation of certificates are given in the Fishing Vessels (EC Directive on Harmonised Safety Regime) Regulations 1999 regulations 10 & 11. Following satisfactory **initial/renewal** survey an **International Fishing Vessel Certificate** (MSF 1318) can be issued valid for up to 4 years.

20.7.2.2 On completion of a survey, the lead surveyor prepares the certificate, following the guidance in Part C Chapter 3 of these instructions.

20.7.2.3 Annual/Intermediate Survey Endorsement

(a) On completion of the annual or intermediate survey, the certificate should be endorsed accordingly.

(b) Any endorsements made to the owner's copy of the certificate should also be recorded on the file copy of the certificate (or by adding a photocopy of the endorsement page to the file), and on the electronic version of the form, on return to the office.

20.7.3 Review of Exemptions

20.7.3.1 Any exemption or equivalents must be reviewed to ensure they are still current and that the qualifying conditions are complied with. Guidance on exemptions and equivalents are described in Part B, Chapter 4 of these instructions.

20.7.4 Documents & Records

20.7.4.1 The table below describes the minimum documents to be completed and filed following a survey.

Item	Record
Record on SIAS?	Yes MSF 1602/3 survey & inspection deficiencies
Place copy on registered file, CM.../31/01	Yes International Fishing Vessel Certificate (MSF 1318) MCA Declaration Class Declaration Documents relating to Document Checklist (MSIS 27 Annex 12) MSF1602/3 forms. Annual/intermediate endorsement Aide Memoire (MSF 5551/ or 5552) if it contains additional information. Relevant test reports/ results, drawings and photographs. Exemptions
Minute required on registered file?	Yes
Report Class Related deficiency to Survey Operations Branch?	Yes (when relevant) MSF 1345

20.8 Fees

The Job Control Sheet must be closed out and sent to the relevant Business Support Unit so that fee accounts may be balanced and relevant refunds made to the customer.

20.9 Flow Chart

None

20.10 Special Instructions and Guidance

MSIS 27, Instructions for the Guidance of Surveyors on the 'Survey of Fishing Vessels' & MGN 439.

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