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Dear Consultee,

## **Small Seagoing Passenger Ship Code**

This consultation covers the draft Small Seagoing Passenger Ship Code which has been developed for voluntary application to United Kingdom (UK) passenger ships of less than 24 metres load line length, carrying not more than 250 passengers, operating within 15 miles of a safe haven and no more than five miles from the coast. The Code provides opportunity for operators of ships to ply beyond the current Class VI plying limits by fully meeting the standards contained within this Code.

Feedback is sought on all areas of the Code. The provisions of the Code have largely been drawn from EU directive regulations and the regulations pertaining to passenger ship operation on categorised waters.

Since the Code is, at present, for voluntary application to existing vessels it is not considered that this represents a change to Regulation and an impact assessment has not been performed.

Please provide any comments and feedback to Joanna Dormon ([Joanna.Dormon@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:Joanna.Dormon@mcga.gov.uk)) at the contact details above by the closing date of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Please also copy in Simon Milne at [Simon.Milne@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:Simon.Milne@mcga.gov.uk) in any response.

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

## **Freedom of Information Act**

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## **Consultation Criteria**

This consultation has been conducted in accordance with the [Cabinet Office Consultation Principles Guidance](#).

**Feedback**

If you have any comments regarding the conduct of this consultation please contact the Consultation Co-ordinator at [consultation.coordinator@mcga.gov.uk](mailto: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 attached 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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