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The UKSR has widened its eligibility criteria allowing companies located outside the UK to join one of the best performing flag registries. Companies from outside the UK have access to the UK Ship Register (UKSR), one of the best performing flag registries. We've expanded our ownership eligibility to allow more exceptional shipping companies to flag to us and take advantage of our 24/7 customer service and no annual flag tax. Our eligibility criteria now include [Commonwealth countries](#) and those accepted by our partners in the Red Ensign Group. Our first-class services will continue to be overseen by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency.

Benefits that our customers receive include: 24/7 dedicated account managers, the Enhanced Authorisation Scheme which allows all surveys and audits to be delegated to one of our approved Recognised Organisations and flexible package fee options for registration, inspection and certification, designed to suit customer needs and the demands of worldwide shipping.

Director of the UK Ship Register Richard Parkes said, "This change will now allow the UK flag to attract first class ships and owners who have their company based outside of the UK. They too will be able to benefit from exceptional service and a global reputation".

We've also introduced a system of bareboat charter-out, so that ships can temporarily reflag for the period of a charter-party before returning to the UK flag when that agreement ends. For more information go to the [UKSR website](#) or contact ukshipregister@mcga.gov.uk

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