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## **The Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY3)**

**Notice to all designers, builders, owners, operators, employers, crews, masters of large commercial yachts and Classification Societies.**

*This notice replaces MGN 456(M), MGN 1792(M) and MSN 1792(M) - Amendment 1*

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### **Summary**

This Merchant Shipping Notice announces the replacement of LY2 by the latest revision of the MCA publication, the Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY3) for the purpose of the Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 1998 with effect from the 20 August 2013.

### **Introduction**

1. In 1997, the Agency published its Code of Practice for the Safety of Large Commercial Sailing and Motor Vessels (LY1), under the provisions of regulation 2(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 1998<sup>1</sup>. This was replaced by the Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY2) in 2005 and subsequently by the Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY2) Second Edition in 2007 which were issued as the Annex to Merchant Shipping Notice 1792. The latest version of the Large Commercial Yacht Code is now LY3.

### **Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY3)**

2. LY3, like its predecessors, has been developed by an industry working group in order that the Code is kept up to date with developments in the industry, and amendments which have taken place in the international conventions, for which the Code provides an alternative means of achieving compliance, more suited to the large commercial yachts and their mode of operation.
3. LY3 was published in August 2012 and launched in September 2012 at the Monaco Yacht Show. MGN 456 publicised the publication in response to requests from industry to assist designers and builders preparing new designs. Other flag states, such as those

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<sup>1</sup> SI 1998 No:2771, as amended by SI 2000 No:482, SI 2002 No:1473, SI 2005 No:2114



which fly the Red Ensign, who wish to apply the new code according to their own requirements and laws could take full advantage of its availability.

4. For the purposes of the definitions of “new vessel” and “existing vessel” in section 2, of LY3 the effective date is 20 August 2013.
5. LY3 now replaces LY2, in the context of United Kingdom law, with effect from 20 August 2013.
6. MCA will give consideration to proposals to phase-in safety standard requirements of LY3, which apply to existing ships, as indicated in section 3.3.3 of the Code over a period not exceeding 18 months from 20 August 2013.

### **Further Information**

7. Further information on the contents of this Notice can be obtained from the address at the end of this Notice. The text of LY3 can be found at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/mca/mcga07-home/shipsandcargoes/ensign.htm>

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