



Tonnage Measurement on UK Ships: Authorised Organisations

Notice to all Owners, Operators or Skipper of small vessels in commercial use and Tonnage Authorities for this type of vessel.

This notice should be read with the Small Commercial Vessel Codes, Police Boat Codes and MGN 280

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Summary

The Purpose of this Marine Information Note is to provide contact details of the MCA approved Tonnage Authorities undertaking measurement of tonnage of United Kingdom ships.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Maritime and Coastguard Agency has authorised the organisations listed below to act as Certifying Authorities on behalf of the Agency, for the measurement of tonnage of United Kingdom ships.

2. Legislation

- 2.1 The following legislation provides the legal requirements for the measurement of a ships' tonnage for registration purposes. That legislation also requires a person undertaking tonnage measurement satisfies the relevant requirements set out by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

- Sections 10,11 and 19 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (as amended)
- The Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations 1997 (SI 1997 No: 1510)
- The Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships and Tonnage (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No: 3206)
- The Merchant Shipping (Fishing Vessel Tonnage) Regulations 1988 (SI 1998 No: 1909)

- 2.2 The Parts II and III of this Regulation are of particular relevance: -



2.2.1 **Part II** sets out the arrangements for tonnage and certification for United Kingdom ships by the International Tonnage Convention 1969 (ITC'69). The Convention applies to ships which are less than 150 tonnes but 24m or above in length or where the keel of a ship was laid or was in a similar stage of construction before 21 July 1968. These vessels required to be measured and certificated using the International Tonnage Convention (ITC'69) method under Part II of the 1997 Regulations.

2.2.2 **Part III** applies to the determination of tonnage and certification of ships under 24m in length, including pleasure vessels, but not fishing vessels. This is a simplified tonnage measurement system (i.e. L x B x D x Factor) for vessels registered or to be registered under Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act and where the determination of tonnage in this Regulation is required by section 10 of the Merchant Shipping Act.

2.3 Guidance in respect of Fishing Vessels may be obtained by contacting Vessel Standards at the Maritime and Coastguard Agency via email to vesselstandards@mcga.gov.uk

3. Organisations authorised by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to undertake Tonnage Measurement

American Bureau of Shipping

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International Institute of Marine Surveying

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Royal Yachting Association

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Yacht Designers and Surveyors Association

The Glass Works
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Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors

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