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CONSULTATION ON MGN 630 AMENDMENT 2

This consultation seeks comments on a draft Marine Guidance Note (MGNs), MGN630 Amendment No.2: FISHING VESSELS: Pre-Registration surveys for Fishing vessels of less than 15m Length Overall built before 16 July 2007 and existing vessels of 15m Length overall to less than 24m Registered Length wishing to join the UK Register which is intended to replace MGN630 Amendment No.1.

MSN 1871 allows vessels of less than 15m Length Overall (LOA) built before 16 July 2007 to be considered by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) for Registration as fishing vessels. MGN630 sets out the process in place to ensure the MCA is satisfied vessels are safe and suitable for commercial fishing. This Note also states that existing vessels of 15m LOA to less than 24m Registered Length wishing to join the Register may also, on a case by case basis, undergo the Pre-Registration Survey and the Note sets out the processes in place

This Amendment sets out a revision to the process by which Fishing Vessel Certifying Authority and Authorised Surveyors conducting Registration Surveys may agree corrective action to meet the Construction Standards with vessel owners and verify that action has been completed prior to a report being submitted to MCA. Where the vessel cannot meet Construction Standards, then MCA should still be consulted to agree corrective action.

The consultation period will run for 4 weeks. The Consultation has one appendix, which is the draft MGNs which forms the subject matter of the Consultation.

The consultation documents are available with this consultation letter on WWW.GOV.UK. We would welcome your comments about the proposed MGN.

Submitting your response

The preference is for consultation responses to be emailed to fishing@mcga.gov.uk Any questions should also be sent to this email address. You can also send in your response by post. During the current COVID-19 pandemic we are working away from the office and the collection of post is limited.

When responding, representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent, and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions.

This consultation will close on 13 December 2020. A summary of consultation responses will be posted on the same page as the consultation in due course, and normally within 3 months of completion of the consultation.

Freedom of Information

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information, we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department/MCA.

The MCA will process your personal data in accordance with the data protection framework and, in the majority of circumstances, this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

Data Protection

The MCA is carrying out this consultation to gather evidence to inform the development and implementation of policy and legislation. This consultation and the processing of personal data that it entails is necessary for the exercise of our functions as a government department. If your answers contain information that allows you to be identified, under data protection law, the MCA, as an Executive Agency of the Department for Transport, will be the Controller for this information.

The MCA will use your contact details to send you information about the consultation, for example if we need to ask follow-up questions. You do not have to give us this personal information but if you do choose to provide it, it will not be used for any other purpose without your permission.

Details about how the MCA looks after personal data, your rights, how to complain, and how to contact our Data Protection Manager can be found on gov.uk at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency/about/personal-information-charter>

Your information will be kept securely on the MCA's IT system and any written responses will be held in a secure file and cabinet and kept for up to five years, until a post-implementation review has been completed.

If you do not wish to remain on this list, please let us know at fishing@mcga.gov.uk

Conduct of this consultation

This consultation has been conducted in accordance with the Cabinet Office Consultation Principles.

Consultation principles

The Cabinet Office Consultation Principles can be found at:

[Consultation Principles 2018](#)

Feedback on conduct of consultation

If you have any comments regarding the conduct of this consultation, please contact the Consultation Co-ordinator at consultation.coordinator@mcga.gov.uk.

We are continually trying to improve the way in which we conduct consultations and appreciate your views. We would 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.

If you require this consultation in an alternative format, please contact either the Consultation Co-ordinator or the named official conducting this consultation.

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MCA CONSULTATION FEEDBACK FORM

1. Please indicate on which Consultation you are providing feedback:

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2a. Please indicate whether you are responding on behalf of:

- ☐ Yourself as an Individual
- ☐ A Trade Association
- ☐ A Company
- ☐ A Government Organisation
- ☐ A Trade Union
- ☐ Other

(please specify)

2b. If you are representing a company, please indicate the size of your company:

- ☐ Micro (1-9 employees)
- ☐ Small (10-49 employees)
- ☐ Medium (50-249 employees)
- ☐ Large (250+ employees)

2c. Please indicate whether you accessed this consultation package through:

- ☐ Post
- ☐ email
- ☐ Website

3. Please rate the quality of this consultation regarding accuracy, good English and spelling:

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very Poor

4. Please rate the format of the consultation presentation (layout, Annexes etc.):

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very Poor

5. Please rate the consultation in terms of how clear and concise you felt it was:

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very Poor

6. Did you feel that the consultation was conducted over a sufficient period of time?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

7. Were any representative groups, organisations or companies not consulted who you felt should have been?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, who?

8. Please let us have any suggestions for improvement or other comments you wish to make about this consultation below:

Thank you for your time. Please return this form to:

Consultation Co-ordinator,
Maritime and Coastguard Agency,
Spring Place, Bay 3/26, 105 Commercial Road
Southampton SO15 1EG
Or e-mail it to: consultation.coordinator@mcga.gov.uk

If you are happy to supply your name in case we need to contact you to discuss your views further, please enter it below (this is optional, and your feedback will still be taken into account if you wish to remain anonymous):

Name

Tel. No.

**Please note that the deadline for responses to the Consultation itself
does not apply to the return of this form.**