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RESPONSES RECEIVED FROM CONSULTATION ON MGN 535(M) -THE SMALL SEAGOING PASSENGER SHIPS CODE FROM 11 JUNE TO 9 JULY 2021

The questions posed in this consultation asked if readers if they:

1. considered the draft was accurate;
2. considered the draft was free of typographical errors;
3. agreed with any non-statutory advice provided;
4. considered the content was clear;
5. considered the content was appropriate for this MGN;
6. did not believe that anything had been omitted that should have been included.

The opportunity was also given to provide free text comments on any aspect of the consultation that the respondents wished.

Four responses were received from this consultation.

First respondent

The first respondent answered "Yes" to all the questions on the response form and did not add any other comments.

Second respondent

The second respondent did not answer any of the questions, but raised other points, namely:

Respondent comment	Government response
Felt it was not clear whether Class B (Restricted) passenger vessels operating under the Small Seagoing Passenger Ships (SSPS) Code were permitted to operate in winter and/or at night.	When a vessel, which would normally be Class B (Restricted), is assessed against and certificated to SSPS then the restrictions no longer apply and reference should be made to the restrictions in the SSPS Code. The wording in the amended version of MGN will be revised to make this clearer.

The remaining points offered by this respondent were not directly relevant to the consultation on MGN 535(M) but will be taken into account for other purposes.

Third Respondent

The third respondent answered "yes" to all the questions except Q2, citing a typographical error - a missing space between words – as the reason. This has now been corrected.

Fourth respondent

Did not answer the questions posed but commented on the complexity and number of domestic passenger ship regimes and suggested consolidation.

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