

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE GUIDANCE OF SURVEYORS ON
CHAPTER 1 – ANNEX 19
GENERAL EXEMPTION FOR FISHING VESSELS OF 24M TO LESS THAN 24.4M

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PREFACE

0.1 These Marine Survey Instructions for the Guidance of Surveyors (MSIS) are not legal requirements in themselves. They may refer to statutory requirements elsewhere. They do represent the MCA policy for MCA surveyors to follow.

0.2 If for reasons of practicality, for instance, these cannot be followed then the surveyor must seek at least an equivalent arrangement, based on information from the owner/operator. Whenever possible guidance should be sought from either Consultant Fishing Vessel Surveyors or Survey Operation Branch, in order to maintain consistency between Marine Offices.

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RECENT AMENDMENTS

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STANDARD IFVC LETTER

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Dear Sir,

MFV “XXXXXXX” - INTERNATIONAL FV CERTIFICATE

Please find enclosed a full term IFVC for the above vessel, which expires [date]. The certificate should be posted up onboard, the copy is for your files. Also attached is an Exemption which has been issued in respect of your vessel because it was built prior to 1 December 1999. You are advised that when visiting non-UK ports, this Certificate and the Exemption may not be accepted by the local authorities.

In the event of change of ownership of the vessel, the certificate goes with it to the new owner. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) should be advised of the name and address of the purchaser.

Should any changes be made to the vessel (i.e., new name, engine, winch, mast, power block, etc.), the MCA must be informed. Such changes could invalidate the certificate.

The vessel must at all times carry onboard and have available for inspection one copy form MSF 1301 and Stability Book.

In order that this certificate remains valid an annual radio survey must be carried out within 3 months either before or after the anniversary of the above date, and the certificate endorsed. Similarly, an intermediate survey by the MCA is required on the 2nd anniversary of this date.

It should be noted that the IFVC may be cancelled if any of the following conditions are infringed:

1. Fire extinguishing equipment must be maintained in an efficient condition.

2. Lifesaving Equipment should be regularly inspected and serviced or replaced when due. Inflatable liferafts must, every 12 months, be serviced in compliance with MGN 548 (M+F) “Life-Saving Appliances – Inflatable SOLAS Certificated Liferafts, Lifejackets, Marine Evacuation Systems, and repair of Inflatable Rescue Boats – Servicing Requirements and Approved Service Stations.
3. No alterations are to be undertaken which may affect the stability or seaworthiness of the vessel, as they may not only invalidate the certificates but may seriously endanger the safety of the vessel and the crew.
4. Vessel does not remain in Class. *If the vessel is not classed, this line to be changed to ‘The MCA survey schedule for machinery and hull items to be satisfactorily maintained’.*

The surveyor is to be notified in the event of:

- a) Any accident occasioning loss of life or serious injury.
- b) Any material damage effecting the seaworthiness or efficiency of the ship, either in the hull or any part of the machinery.
- c) Any proposed alterations, additions, or modification to the vessel.

This vessel shall comply with the Deck and Engineer Officer requirements for vessels of this size as set out in the Fishing Vessels (Certification of Deck Officers and Engineer Officers) Regulations 1984 or, as a British flag vessel, the officers on board should hold UK certificates of equivalent competency (ref. Merchant Shipping Notices MGN 220 & MIN 163-MSN1825).

The vessel shall also comply with the safe manning requirements as set out in MSN1884.

You are also asked to keep the booklet “Fishermen & Safety” onboard the vessel, available for the crew’s reference.

Please acknowledge receipt of the certificates.

Yours faithfully,

A Surveyor
Marine Surveyor

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Reference in the Certificate should also be made to the issue of the Exemption Certificate.

GENERAL EXEMPTION

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GENERAL EXEMPTION APPLICABLE TO VESSELS HOLDING A VALID FISHING VESSEL CERTIFICATE:

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 294 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995¹, hereby exempts all Fishing Vessels with a Registered Length of between 24m and less than 24.4 metres whose keels were laid before 1st January 1999 from the requirements of the following:

Regulation 2(2)(c) of the Fishing Vessels (Codes of Practice) Regulations 2017 – SI 2017 No 943²

The Merchant Shipping (Crew Accommodation) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1975 – SI 1975 No.2220³

The exemption remains valid provided the vessel complies at all times with the requirements of all other requirements of the Fishing Vessels (Codes of Practice) Regulations 2017 and MSN 1872 The Code of Safe Working Practice for the Construction and Use of 15m Length Overall to less than 24m Registered Fishing Vessels.

This Exemption, which may be cancelled, or modified, by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency at any time, shall remain in force until revoked.

Dated this 18 day of DECEMBER 2017

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katy Ware".

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¹ 1995 C21

² SI 2017 No.943

³ SI 1975 No.2220