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MARINE INFORMATION NOTE

MIN 588 (M+F) Amendment 3 Codes of practice for controlling risks due to noise and vibration on ships

Notice to all shipowners, large yacht owners, fishing vessel owners, fleet managers, safety managers, training managers, masters, yacht masters, skippers, training colleges and training organisations.

This notice replaces MIN 588 (M+F) amendment 2 and will expire 22nd June 2024.

Summary

This notice advises industry on the codes of practice for controlling risks due to noise and vibration on ships produced by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, and where copies may be obtained.

Amendment 3 extends the expiry date and updates cost of some publications. There is no alteration to other content. .

This notice expires 22nd June 2024.

1. Introduction

1.1 Following the implementation of the merchant shipping and fishing vessels (control of vibration at work) regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3077), and the merchant shipping and fishing vessels (control of noise at work) regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/3075), the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) produced for industry three codes which provide guidance and interpretation of the requirements in order to comply with the regulations. These are:

- code of practice for controlling risks due to noise on ships
- code of practice for controlling hand transmitted vibration on ships
- code of practice for controlling risks due to whole body vibration on ships

1.2 Those primarily affected by noise and vibration regulations will be operators and managers of ships and fishing vessels and other marine craft, including yachts, work boats

etc. registered in the UK on which workers are employed. The regulations will apply also to charities and similar organisations that operate vessels, but only when there are workers on such vessels.

1.3 The codes of practice are intended to assist those concerned with designing, building and owning or managing ships to comply with the merchant shipping and fishing vessels (control of vibration at work) regulations 2007 and the merchant shipping and fishing vessels (control of noise at work) regulations 2007.

1.4 The codes of practice collectively deal with:

- the assessment of risk from noise and vibration onboard ships
- the measurement and evaluation of noise and vibration
- the assessment of the severity of exposures to noise and vibration
- the identification of controls to eliminate or reduce exposures to noise and vibration
- the involvement of crew members in the control of noise and vibration risks including the provision of training and
- the provision of health monitoring and surveillance for noise and vibration.

2. Publication details for the codes of practice

- soft cover book: code of practice for controlling risks due to noise on ships - ISBN 9780115530753 £12.50

- downloadable PDF copy: code of practice for controlling risks due to noise on ships - ISBN 9780115531019 £9.00 (excl VAT*) (£10.80 incl VAT*)

- soft cover book: code of practice for controlling risks due to hand transmitted vibration on ships - ISBN 9780115530906 £12.50

- downloadable PDF copy: code of practice for controlling risks due to hand transmitted vibration on ships - ISBN 9780115531033 £9.00 (excl VAT*) (£10.80 incl VAT*)

- soft cover book: code of practice for controlling risks due to whole body vibration on ships - ISBN 9780115530760 £10.50

- downloadable PDF copy: code of practice for controlling risks due to whole body vibration on ships - ISBN 9780115531026 £9.00 (excl VAT*) (£10.80 incl VAT*)

- soft cover books: bundle pack of all three codes - ISBN 9780115530999 £25.00

- downloadable PDF copies: bundle pack of all three codes - ISBN 9780115531002 £21.00 (excl VAT*) (£25.20 incl VAT*)

*VAT is payable on all PDF products

3. Where to obtain copies of the Codes of Practice

3.1 The codes of practice are published by the MCA's official publisher – TSO (The Stationery Office) and can be ordered from the following website: www.tsoshop.co.uk

3.2 Orders can also be placed by;

Tel: +44 (0) 333 202 5070

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Email: customer.services@tso.co.uk

For data security purposes, please do not submit any credit card details in email correspondence with TSO.

3.3 Alternatively orders can be sent by post to:

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