



# **CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS**

**for**

**Steel and aluminium fishing vessels  
15 metres length overall to 24 metres  
registered length**

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The following Standards relate to the construction of steel mono-hull fishing vessels and include requirements for superstructure and machinery installations. Items other than those mentioned above are covered by the new CODE OF SAFE WORKING PRACTICE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF 15 METRE LENGTH OVERALL TO LESS THAN 24 METRE REGISTERED LENGTH FISHING VESSELS produced by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). Recommendations for outfit are included in Parts 8 to 10 of these Standards.

The Standards will be reviewed by the Standards committee at intervals not exceeding five years to take into account experience and any new statutory requirements that may be considered reasonable to apply to new vessels as applicable to these Standards.

Where new standards are developed and finalised by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), European Union (EU), the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) or International Standards Organisation (ISO) which impact upon the requirements of these Standards, amendment may be considered immediately.

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## **Standards of service**

We will ensure that:-

- Telephone calls are answered promptly during working hours. If the person you speak to cannot deal with your enquiry in full, you will be referred to someone who can. If necessary we will call you back;
- Correspondence from you is answered within fifteen working days of receipt. If this cannot be done we will acknowledge your letter within the deadline, explain why a detailed response is delayed, and let you know when you may expect one;
- If the matter you raise cannot be dealt with by us, we will explain the position, and if possible, put you in direct contact with whoever is most likely to be able to help you;
- If you make an appointment with us (or we make an arrangement to meet you) we will do all we can to keep it. If, exceptionally, we are forced to cancel, we will arrange a new appointment at a mutually convenient time.

## **Information**

We will assist you whenever we can by providing information about:-

- Our Marine Safety Services department;
- Our promotional activities;
- The Quality Award Scheme;
- Training opportunities for all sectors of the workforce both at sea and onshore;
- The Government grant schemes to assist fishermen;
- Fisheries Development Centre;
- Results of project work.

## **Courtesy and helpfulness**

We will always be courteous and try to help you.

We will identify ourselves by name when we meet, talk or write to you. Where appropriate we will also wear name badges or provide nameplates at meetings we organise.

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We will carry out regular surveys to find what you think of our service and how we might improve it. If you have any view on the service we provide we would like to hear from you. If you think our service could be better, it is important that you tell us, as information you provide will help us to provide improved service in the future. You can do this either over the telephone, by letter, by facsimile or by e-mail.

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If you have a complaint about the way we operate or the services that we provide, you can tell us by telephone, in writing, by facsimile, or in person.

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Any complaint will be investigated and you should expect a written reply within three weeks.

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