CONSTRUCTION
STANDARDS

for

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

SEA FISH INDUSTRY AUTHORITY
Introduction

The Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish), established under the Fisheries Act 1981, has statutory duties defined by that Act as among other things: “promoting the efficiency of the seafood industry so as to serve the interests of that industry as a whole”, giving effect to directions from Ministers, or acting as their agents if so required.

Seafish is directed in its activities by a Board, appointed by Ministers under the provisions of the Act, with eight of its twelve members drawn from various industry sectors, and the remaining four, including the chair, independent of any financial or commercial interest in the industry. In developing the programme of Seafish activities, they are assisted by advisory committees; chaired by a board member, covering aquaculture, economics, marketing, technology and training.

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.
How you can contact us

Addresses, telephone numbers (including those with twenty-four hour answering machines) and faxes for all our Marine Survey offices are given below.

Edinburgh  Administration
Sea Fish Industry Authority
Marine Services
18 Logie Mill
Logie Green Road
Edinburgh
EH7 4HS
Telephone: 0131 524 8678  Fax: 0131 558 1442

Grimsby  Main Office
Sea Fish Industry Authority
Marine Services
Origin Way
Europarc
Grimsby
N.E. Lincs
DN37 9TZ

Telephone: 01472 252300

E-mail: marineservices@seafish.co.uk

Our offices are staffed during normal office hours.

Application for Survey

Application forms can be obtained from any of the Marine Survey offices listed. Completed application forms should be returned to the Administrator at the Edinburgh office. All applications outwith the UK contact the Administrator at the Edinburgh office.
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.

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.

Consultation

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.
Complaints

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.

All complaints should be addressed to:-

Head of Marine Surveyors
Sea Fish Industry Authority
Origin Way
Europarc
Grimsby
N.E Lincs
DN37 9TZ

Telephone: 01472 252300
Fax: 01472 311101

This matter will be investigated and you should expect a written reply within three weeks.
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