

NOTE REGARDING OVERALL LENGTH OF A VESSEL

Clarification has been sought by Seafish Marine Survey from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency as to what is included in a vessels overall length with regards to pods and brackets fitted to the stern of vessels.

Current MCA guidance for overall length states:

Overall Length (LOA)

The overall length of a vessel is the length measured from the foreside of the foremost fixed permanent structure to the aft side of the aftermost fixed permanent structure.

Fixed Permanent Structure

Fixed permanent structure includes any portion of the hull that is capable of being detached, but is fixed in place during the normal operation of the vessel. It does not include functional arrangements such as safety rails, bowsprits, pulpits, stem head fittings, rudders, steering gear, outdrives, outboard motors, propulsion machinery, diving platforms, boarding platforms, rubbing strips and fenders, other than where such functional arrangements are designed to replace any part of the hull that has been previously removed.

The additional clarification obtained is that where an appendage is fitted to the stern of the vessel, whether these are bolted or permanent, and is required for the normal operation of the vessel (e.g. a pod or bracket for engine mounting) then these will be included in the vessels overall length (LOA).

If, on the day of inspection, the surveyor measures the vessel and is found to be greater than 7m LOA whereas the application form stated less than 7m LOA (ie pods/brackets fitted), the outfit is also required to be checked and an additional fee will be applicable for an over 7m inspection/report.

APPLICATION for INSPECTION For Existing Vessels Less Than 24m RL

Seafish Project Code	
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1. This application form is to be used by Seafish for the issue of a report to the MCA panel for fishing vessels, for their consideration regarding acceptance to the UK fishing register.

This process applies to vessels where the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) or the Registry of Shipping and Seamen (RSS) have requested this inspection to be undertaken by Seafish.

Vessels under 7m LOA – hull inspection only

Vessels 7m LOA and over – hull & outfit inspection

Note: Please ensure that Length Overall stated below is accurate, as if found to be inaccurate, and places the vessel in another cost band, then further charges may be incurred post inspection prior to the release of the report.

2. The vessel will be inspected in comparison with the Seafish Construction Standards; these Standards can be viewed at the following website address - <http://www.seafish.org/industry-support/marine-survey/construction-standards>
3. Further information on the inspection procedures for vessels new to the register can be found via your local MCA office.
4. The completed application form and matrix found overleaf (if applicable) is to be returned to the address below.
- 15m LOA and under (to complete application only)
15m LOA to 24m Registered Length (to complete application and matrix)

I apply for Inspection:-

Particulars of Proposed Unregistered Vessel

Length Overall (metres) Breadth (metres)

Depth (metres) Builder (if known)

Construction Material (GRP, Steel, Wood etc.) Description of Vessel (Mono-hull, Catamaran etc.)

Fishing Method Proposed Year of Build

Location of Vessel

Applicants Name

Applicants Address

Telephone No. E-mail

Are construction details / drawings available for this hull? Yes ☐ No ☐

*Signature of Applicant Date

* Applicants signature is required in order for the application to be processed

** By signing this application, the applicant is agreeing to the conditions for inspection stated overleaf (page 2)

NOTES:

- Seafish Marine Services are unable to state whether the vessel will be accepted by the MCA pre/post survey.
- Wooden hulls sheathed in GRP are not eligible for this inspection.

**** CONDITIONS FOR INSPECTION**

- The vessel is to be presented in a complete and operational state.
- Work or operations are not to be in progress during the inspection unless requested (e.g. bilge alarms, hydraulic emergency stops etc.).
- The vessel is to be out of water. This can include:
 - On a slip way
 - Hard standing
 - On a trailer
 - On the beach (providing a reasonable inspection of the hull is possible)
- Safe access is to be provided by the applicant or their representative.
- Prior to inspection bilges are to be empty and clean.
- Prior to inspection stores and equipment are to be removed from all areas restricting access to the internal hull structure.
- Prior to inspection and where possible, linings are to be removed for access to the hull structure.
- Where ultrasonic tests are required (aluminium & steel vessels) the applicant or their representative is to provide adequate and safe means of access around the whole external perimeter of the vessel, including the provision of adequate and safe staging where necessary to assess hull plating to deck level.

Note: Where the attending surveyor deems the vessel unsafe/unfit for inspection, or inadequate equipment/arrangements have been provided for access by the applicant or their representative, then the surveyor may decline to inspect the vessel and further fees may be incurred for re-attendance.

FV FLAG-IN MATRIX

FACTOR	CRITERIA	POINTS	ALLOCATED SCORE
Vessel Name			
Registered Length			
Year of Build			
Losing flag White - Grey - Black; taken from the Paris MOU List	White Listed Grey Listed Black Listed (if not known please state country of origin/previous registry of the vessel)	0 20 60	
¹ Class society FOR VESSELS 24 m AND OVER See also Note A: FOR VESSELS 15 – 24m	(a) UK authorised society (built and maintained to class) (b) other IACS member (c) non IACS member (i.e. NSI Standard) (d) vessel not classed	0 20 30 100	0
	For 15-24m vessels only – Meets Flag-in requirements of 15-24 metre Code (Equivalent build standard to Seafish)	30	
Vessel Type	Long Liner Seiner Pelagic Trawler/Seiner Potter Mussel Dredger Bottom Trawler Scalloper (outriggers only) Beam Trawler/Scalloper	0 5 5 5 10 10 15 20	
Age	0-15 16-25 Over 25	0 30 60	
Flag State History	Available for previous 24 months No History	0 20	0
		TOTAL	
Name of CSM	Check CSM database		

SURVEY THRESHOLDS - FOR USE WITH ABOVE TABLE

Actual Score	Flag-in by MCA through survey	Pre Flag-in Inspection by MCA prior to flag in survey	Refer to Flag-in Panel	Refer to Flag-in Panel for confirmation of refusal to register
0 - 50	✓			
51 - 100		✓		
101 - 120			✓	
121 +				✓

NOTES

- A. Classification Society:** A previously un-classed over 24 metre Fishing Vessel or one classed with a non UK authorised classification society may be accepted subject to a UK authorised classification society classing the vessel prior to joining the UK Register and rigorous survey by the MCA.

¹ Consideration of the Class Society relates to the Society BEFORE transfer to the UK Register.