



CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

for

**fishing vessels
15 metres length overall to 24 metres
registered length**

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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 that Act, with five of its nine 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 three industry panels, chaired by an Industry Representative who attends board meetings and advises the board on industry requirements in the Domestic and Export, Import and Processing and Supply Chain Sectors,

The following Standards relate to the construction of 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 6 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 of the United Kingdom, Department for Transport (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.

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Our offices are normally staffed between 8.45am and 5.00pm (Monday to Friday) although, as some staff may work irregular hours, smaller offices may not always be open at these times.

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 then please contact either the Grimsby or Edinburgh offices for the current complaints procedure.

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