

Seafish Construction Standards: Freeing ports

This notice should be read in conjunction with the Seafish Construction Standards (September 2012 edition). Where information in this notice contradicts the Standards, this notice is to take priority.

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Summary

This Seafish Information Note provides an amendment to the Seafish Construction Standards for New Fishing Vessels Less than 15m length overall, in relation to freeing ports. The Note replaces section 3.10.15 of the Standards.

Freeing ports

With reference to Section 3.10 of the Seafish Construction Standards for vessels less than 15m length overall, the following amendments shall apply in relation to freeing ports.

- 1) Lift-up closing appliances should not be fitted to freeing ports, or locking devices fitted to freeing port flaps, if they reduce the total freeing port area along either side of the vessel below the freeing port requirement. They will only be considered acceptable where the remaining open freeing port area meets the requirement when the appliances are closed.

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