
Type-Approval of Marine Equipment (EC Notified Bodies)

Notice to Manufacturers, Shipbuilders, Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers, Designers and Marine Consultants, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships, Skippers of Fishing Vessels and Owners of Yachts and Pleasure Craft

This Notice amends Merchant Shipping Notice No. MSN 1734 (M+F) and revokes MSN 1734 (M+F) Amendment 1.

Summary

The purpose of the Marine Equipment Directive is to enhance safety at sea and the prevention of marine pollution through the uniform application of the relevant international instruments relating to marine equipment for which EC type approval safety certificates are issued. This Notice provides details of an amending Annex A to MSN 1734 (M+F) that updates the international instruments used during type approval and which was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities on the 23rd September 2002.

Key Points:-

- This Notice further amends MSN 1734 (M+F), revokes and replaces MSN 1734 (M+F) Amendment 1.
- This Notice provides guidance to obtaining the details issued in Commission Directive 2002/75/EC of 2 September 2002.
- This Notice updates the United Kingdom's designated Notified Body contact list.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999 No 1957) provide for the "type approval" of marine equipment, of a safety or pollution prevention nature, for use on board United Kingdom ships. This legislation, together with MSN 1734 (M+F), implements the European Council (EC) Directive 96/98/EC of 20 December 1996 on marine equipment (The MED), as amended by Commission Directives 98/85/EC of 11 November 1999 and 2001/53/EC of 10 July 2001.
- 1.2 Commission Directive 2001/53/EC amended the Annex A of Council Directive 96/98/EC and entered into force on the 17th August 2001, and which has been used as the testing standards by EU Notified Bodies in providing EC type approval certificates.

2. Amendment to MSN 1734 (M+F) Annex A

- 2.1 In response to further changes to the testing standards developed by those organisations listed in Article 2(n) of the MED, the EC Commission has again issued an amending directive. The Annex A.1 to this amending directive revokes and replaces Annex A to MSN 1734 (M+F) as amended by MSN 1734 Amendment 1.
- 2.2 The amending Commission Directive 2002/75/EC of 2 September 2002 was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities (Volume 45, L 254 of 23 September 2002)_ and entered into force on date of publication.
- 2.3 The adoptive date for this amending directive is the last day of the month of publication of this amending MSN.

3. Update to UK designated EU Notified Body listing.

- 3.1 This amending MSN contains an updated list of the UK's designated EU Notified Bodies which replaces paragraph 4 to MSN 1734 (M+F) and revokes MSN 1734 Amendment 1.
- 3.2 A listing of notified bodied designated by EU Member States and the EFTA countries (EEA Members) can be found in the Official Journal of the European Communities Volume 43, C 292 of 13 October 2000.
- 3.3 For equipment not listed in the amending Commission Directive Annex A.1 and which requires to be type approved, reference should be made to MSN 1735, as amended, or contact the MCA at:

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Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Spring Place
105 Commercial Place
Southampton SO15 1EG
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Annex to MSN 1734 (M+F) Amendment 2

Listing of UK designated EU Notified Bodies

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ABS Europe Ltd ID# 0729
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Lancs. WA1 2DS
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