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The Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats – A Code of Practice Edition 2, (also known as the Workboat Code Edition 2) ("WB2")

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Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats – A Code of Practice Edition 2,
(also known as the Workboat Code Edition 2) ("WB2")

6. Products Concerned

This Code lays down domestic safety standards for the construction, equipment, manning and operation of small workboats that go to sea, to UK vessels wherever they may be, and to non-UK vessels in UK waters or operating from UK ports.

A small workboat is a vessel that:-

- under 24 metres in loadline length;
- carries no more than 12 passengers; and,
- may carry cargo;
- is in commercial use for purposes other than sport or pleasure, including a dedicated pilot boat

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

- The Workboat Code Edition 2 (WB2) applies to new vessels constructed on or after the date on which it comes into force (expected to be in the second half of 2018).
- WB2 is not retrospective for existing vessels holding valid certification.
- Such existing vessels may continue to be constructed and certificated in accordance with:-
 - a) the original 1998 Workboat Code (Edition 1);
 - b) Marine Guidance Note (MGN) 280; or,
 - c) the applicable "full" standards based on the requirements of relevant international conventions.

Following review and revision of the original standards, WB2 provides a robust, proportionate and up-to-date safety regime for small workboats, developed with industry stakeholders to meet the current needs of the varied and diverse group of vessels and operating environments encountered in this sector.

WB2 is a mandatory Code, and is underpinned by the UK Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 1998.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The original Code for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats was introduced in 1998 to provide an alternative and more practicable set of standards for these vessels than those required under the relevant



international Conventions (SOLAS, Loadline and MARPOL).

Advances in vessels design and technology, and a widening of the types of operations undertaken, many of them specialist, have necessitated the review, updating and re-focussing of those original standards, to meet the current needs of the small workboat industry in terms of safety, flexibility and prevalent operational risk levels.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: - draft Workboat Code Edition 2 (WB2)
- underpinning legislation: Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 1998 -
{<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/1998/1609/made>}

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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