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Shipping Information Notice – 063

To: Designers, Builders, Owners, Operators, Managers, & Certifying Authorities

New Workboat Code Edition 2

The purpose of this Shipping Information Notice is to bring the adoption by means of the United Kingdom Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) 1892 (M) of the New Workboat Code Edition 2 (herein referred to as the “Code”), to the attention of designers, builders, owners, operators, managers, and Certifying Authorities.

Summary of application to new and existing vessels:

For new vessels, this code replaces; The Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats – A Code of Practice (the “Brown Code”), and its equivalent standard published in the technical Annex to Marine Guidance Note MGN 280 (M), which in this respect “new vessel” means:

- A vessel to which this code applies, the keel of which was laid, or the construction or lay-up was started, on or after the first day on which this Workboat Code Edition 2 came into force, or any vessel where there has not been a valid certificate for the previous five years.
- The Code came into force on 31 December 2018.

Existing vessels may be surveyed and certificated under the earlier standards, until such time that certain aspects of these vessels may be brought into line with this code’s standards. In this respect, “Existing vessel” means:

- A vessel the keel of which was laid, or the construction or lay-up was started, prior to the first day on which this Code came into force, and for which certification has remained valid for the preceding five years of this Code coming into force.

The changes contained in this Code apply to new vessels, and are not retrospective for existing vessels.

Owners, Operators, Managers, and Certifying Authorities of vessels to which coding applies should familiarize themselves with the requirements of MGN 1892 (M), obtainable via:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-workboat-code-edition-2>

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