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## **Approved Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) Small Vessel Certifying Authorities**

**Notice to all Owners, Operators and Skippers of Small Vessels in Commercial Use and Certifying Authorities of this type of Vessel.**

*This notice should be read with the small commercial vessel codes and MGN 280. This notice replaces MIN 416 (M)*

*This MIN expires November 2012*

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### **Summary**

The purpose of this Marine Information Note is to provide the revised contact details of the MCA approved Certifying Authorities undertaking survey and certification work against the standards of the Small Commercial Vessel Codes of Practice or MGN 280 (M).

## **1. Introduction/ Background**

1.1 Certifying Authorities undertake survey and certification work under the Small Commercial Vessel Codes of Practice or MGN 280. The Codes of Practice are as follows:

- The Safety of Small Commercial Sailing Vessels – A Code of Practice (Blue Code)
- The Safety of Small Commercial Motor Vessels – A Code of Practice (Yellow Code)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Workboats and Pilot Boats (Brown Code)
- The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP) (Red Code)

1.2 MGN 280 (M) – Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure, Workboats and Pilot Boats – Alternative Construction Standards is available as an equivalent standard to the Small Commercial Vessel Codes of Practice, until the new enabling Statutory Instrument has been completed. Once completed, the new standards will be produced as a Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) and will supersede the current Small Commercial Vessel Codes listed above.

## **2. List of Certifying Authorities**

2.1 The following is a list of the head offices of Certifying Authorities authorised through formal agreement to conduct survey and certification of all types of small commercial vessels against the standards of the Small Commercial Vessel Codes or MGN280.

**Bureau Veritas**  
Suite 1, Keel House  
Tyne Dock  
South Shields  
Tyne and Wear  
NE34 9PY  
Tel: 0191 427 8170  
Fax: 0191 427 8171

**Burness Corlett Three Quays  
(Southampton) Ltd.**  
Beresford House  
Town Quay  
Southampton  
SO14 2AQ  
Tel: 023 80 33 9449  
Fax: 023 80 33 9440

**Maritime and Coastguard Agency**  
Bay 2/22, Spring Place  
105 Commercial Road  
Southampton  
SO15 1EG  
Tel: 023 80 32 9213  
Fax: 023 80 32 9104

**Det Norske Veritas**  
14 Mitchell Point  
Ensign Way  
Hamble  
Southampton  
SO31 4RF  
Tel: 023 80 74 5940  
Fax: 023 80 74 5941

**International Institute of Marine  
Surveying**  
Murrills House  
48 East Street  
Porchester  
PO16 9XS  
Tel: 023 92 38 5223  
Fax: 023 92 38 5224

**Lloyd's Register EMEA**  
5 Town Quay  
Southampton  
SO14 2AQ  
Tel: 023 80 71 2915  
Fax: 023 80 71 2956

**MECAL Ltd**  
Ocean Building  
Queen Anne's Battery Marina  
Plymouth  
PL4 0LP  
Tel: 01752 251211  
Fax: 01752 251212

**Port of London Authority**  
London River House  
Royal Pier Road  
Gravesend  
Kent  
DA12 2BG  
Tel: 01474 562200  
Fax: 01474 562277

**RINA UK Ltd**  
North Wing, 1st Floor  
2 Charlotte Place  
Southampton SO14 0TB  
United Kingdom  
Tel: 023 80 33 2271  
Fax: 023 80 33 1744

**Royal Yachting Association**  
RYA House  
Ensign Way  
Hamble  
Southampton  
SO31 4YA  
Tel: 08453 450400  
Fax: 08445 569516

**Seafish Industry Authority**  
Humber Seafood Institute  
Origin Way, Euro Parc  
Grimsby  
North East Lincolnshire  
DN37 9TZ  
Tel: 01472 252300  
Fax: 01472 268792

**Society of Consulting Marine  
Engineers and Ship Surveyors**  
202 Lambeth Road  
London  
SE1 7JW  
Tel: 020 7261 0869  
Fax: 020 7261 0871

**Yacht Designers and Surveyors  
Association**  
The Glass Works  
3b Penns Road  
Petersfield  
Hampshire  
GU32 2EW  
Tel: 01730 710490  
Fax: 01730 710423

### 3. NDP Certifying Authorities

3.1 The following are Local Authorities and Harbour Commissioners authorised through formal agreement as NDP Certifying Authorities to conduct survey and certification of small commercial vessels against the standards of The Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point (NDP) or the standards for vessels wishing to operate in area category 5 or 6 within MGN280.

#### **Padstow Harbour Commissioners**

Harbour Office  
Padstow  
Cornwall  
PL28 8AQ  
Tel: 01841 532239  
Fax: 01841 533346

#### **Torrige District Council**

Environmental Health & Public Protection  
Licensing Team  
Bridge Buildings  
Bideford,  
Devon  
EX39 2HT  
Tel: 01237 428991  
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