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## Construction Standards for Fishing Vessels of Less than 15m LOA - Carbon Monoxide Detection

### Notice to all Designers, Builders, Owners, Managing Agents, Skippers of Fishing Vessels

*This notice should be read with MGN 628: Construction and Outfit Standards for Fishing Vessels of Less than 15m Length Overall.*

*This MIN expires 21 July 2021*

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#### Summary

This Information Note provides clarification on the construction standards of New Fishing Vessels Less than 15m in Length Overall (LOA) in relation to the requirements for carbon monoxide detection. The standard outlined has been applied since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and continues to be applicable to vessels built to the Seafish Construction Standard or to MGN 628 requirements.

### 1. Introduction/ Background

- 1.1 An amendment to the Seafish Construction Standards in relation to carbon monoxide detection became effective on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. Details of the amendment are provided below.
- 1.2 As of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) will undertake the survey of new building fishing vessels of less than 24m registered length to Fishing Vessel Construction and Outfit Standards, following the decision of Seafish to cease undertaking this work.
- 1.3 As part of a smooth transition, the MCA will continue to implement the amendments announced by Seafish via their SFIN (Seafish Information Note) publications regarding the applicable construction standards. This MIN transfers SFIN 17 into the MCA publication portfolio.



## 2. Carbon Monoxide Detection

- 2.1 As of 1st April 2017, the following amendments should have been applied, and continue to be applicable, in relation to carbon monoxide detection on vessels of less than 15m LOA, built to the Seafish Construction Standards and, from 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020, to vessels built in accordance with MGN 628:
- 2.1.1 An efficient carbon monoxide (CO) detector with audible and visible alarm is to be fitted in the following spaces:
- (i) Every enclosed space that contains a fuel burning appliance, with the exception of unmanned machinery spaces. Fuel burning appliances include any appliance that burns gas, liquid or solid fuel.
  - (ii) Manned compartments, including wheelhouse and accommodation spaces, through which an exhaust from a fuel burning appliance runs.
- 2.1.2 CO alarms should be of the Lithium Battery type and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's guidance.
- 2.2 Where information in this notice contradicts the Seafish Construction Standards or MGN 628, this notice is to take priority.

### More Information

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