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Shipping Information Notice – 124
The Red Ensign Group (REG) Yacht Code Part A
(To be read in conjunction with SIN 109 & 109(a))

To: Masters, Owners, Operators, Recognised Organisations & Certifying Authorities

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The purpose of this Shipping Information Notice, is to bring to the attention of applicable stakeholders of Gibraltar registered yachts, the publication of MSN 1895 (M) by the United Kingdom.
- 1.2. MSN 1895 (M), provides guidance and clarification on the application of the Red Ensign Group (REG) Yacht Code Part A for yachts constructed on or after 1 January 2019, that are over 24m in length, operate commercially, and carry no more than 12 passengers.
- 1.3. The REG Yacht Code Part A, was published in November 2017, and supersedes The Large Commercial Yacht Code 3 (LY3). The code was further updated and a new version published in January 2024.
- 1.4. MSN 1895 (M) Appendix 2, provides further guidance on the saving & transitional provisions for existing vessels whose keels were laid, or which were at a similar stage of construction, before 1 January 2019.
- 1.5. Yachts which carry more than 12 passengers are not covered by this MSN 1895 (M). The relevant standards for such vessels are set out in Part B of the REG Yacht Code.
- 1.6. Stakeholders of Gibraltar registered yachts are urged to familiarize themselves with the contents of [MSN 1895 \(M\)](#)

2. Application

- 2.1. The REG Yacht Code Part A (as amended) applies to Gibraltar registered motor or sailing vessels:
 - 2.1.1. 24 metres in load line length and over the keels of which were laid or were at a similar stage of construction on or after the 1st January 2019;
 - 2.1.2. which are in commercial use for sport or pleasure; and,
 - 2.1.3. carry no cargo and no more than 12 passengers.

3. Underpinning Legislation

- 3.1. A variance from paragraph 3.1 of MSN 1895 (M), is that for Gibraltar registered yachts, the REG Yacht Code is given effect by virtue of the Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Application of United Kingdom Provisions and Standards) Regulations 1997 (as amended).

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