



Marine Notice No. 66 of 2008

For the attention of all Owners, Operators, Skippers and Deck Officers of Fishing Vessels and to all Marine Electronics Suppliers.

CARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS (AIS) FOR FISHING VESSELS OF 15 METRES IN LENGTH OVERALL AND OVER BUT LESS THAN 24 METRES IN LENGTH

The carriage requirements for AIS contained within the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Fishing Vessels) (15 – 24 metres) Regulations 2007 commence from 1st January 2009. Vessels will need to install AIS in accordance with the regulations and the relevant dates for compliance are set out in the table below: -

VESSEL LENGTH	DATE OF KEEL LAYING OR SIMILAR STAGE CONSTRUCTION	AIS REQUIRED BY	Remarks
18 metres and over	On or after 1 st October 1997	1st January 2009	
18 metres and over	On or after 1 st October 1987	1st October 2009	AIS required before the first Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate can be issued
18 metres and over	Before 1 st October 1987	1st October 2010	AIS required before the first Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate can be issued.
Less than 18m (but more than 15m Loa)	On or after 1 st October 1997	1st January 2010	
Less than 18m (but more than 15m Loa)	On or after 1 st October 1987	1st January 2010	
Less than 18m (but more than 15m Loa)	Before 1 st October 1987	1st October 2010	AIS required before issue of 1 st Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate can be issued.

AIS systems to be fitted on fishing vessels must meet the performance standards as specified by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). AIS equipment bearing the mark of conformity with the Marine Equipment Directive (96/98/EC as amended) will fulfil this requirement. A list of such approved equipment and suppliers thereof is available in the MarED database at <http://www.mared.org/>

An input from a global navigation satellite system receiver (such as a GPS), that satisfies the performance standards as specified by the IMO, will be required. Such equipment bearing the mark of conformity with the Marine Equipment Directive and which is compatible for use with the installed AIS will be acceptable in meeting the requirements.

The requirement for AIS in the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Fishing Vessels) (15 – 24 metres) Regulations 2007 does not create any other additional shipborne navigational equipment requirements for fishing vessels. (i.e. gyro-compass, transmitting heading device are not required by the Regulations).

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