

Marine Notice No. 59 of 2011

NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, SHIPMANAGERS, DRILLING RIG OR FSU / FPSO OPERATORS, RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS, FISHING VESSEL OWNERS, AGENTS, SHIPMASTERS, SKIPPERS, FISHERMEN AND SEAFARERS.

Insurance of Shipowners for Maritime Claims

Shipowners are advised that *Directive 2009/20/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the insurance of shipowners for maritime claims¹* will enter into force on the 1st January 2012. This Directive will apply to all ships of 300 gross tonnage or more, with exceptions for warships and ships on non-commercial public service only. The Directive applies both to ships flying the Irish flag and to ships flying the flag of other States as follows:

Irish Flagged Ships:

The Directive will require that all such ships of 300 gross tonnage or more flying the Irish flag must hold insurance as defined in the Directive. Additionally, Irish flagged ships must hold such insurance and carry the relevant insurance certificate on board when entering the ports of other Member States and they will be subject to inspection in such States.

Ships Flying Other Flags:

The Directive also requires that all ships of 300 gross tonnage or more, flying the flag of another State must have such insurance in place and carry the relevant insurance certificate on board when entering Irish ports. Such ships will be required to enter details of their insurance in SafeSeasIreland (SSI), Ireland's link to the EU's Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Information System. Inspections will be carried out by the Marine Survey Office (MSO) to verify that such insurance is in place.

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¹ OJ L131, 28.5.2009, p.128