



Department of Transport
An Roinn Iompair



Marine Notice No. 5 of 2009

*NOTICE TO ALL OPERATORS OF FISHING VESSELS OF 15m IN LENGTH OVERALL
AND OVER BUT LESS THAN 24m IN LENGTH*

SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR FISHING VESSELS

The Department of Transport wishes to remind owners and operators of fishing vessels of 15m in length overall and over but less than 24m in length of the application dates contained in the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Fishing Vessels) (15 - 24 Metres) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 640 of 2007).

The Regulations come into effect as follows:

- (i) on 1 October 2007 for new vessels, (new vessel means a vessel the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after 1 October 2007);
- (ii) on 1 October 2008, for existing vessels the keel of which was laid on or after 1 October 1997;
- (iii) on 1 October 2009, for existing vessels the keel of which was laid on or after 1 October 1987; and**
- (iv) on 1 October 2010, for existing vessels the keel of which was laid before 1 October 1987.

Owners of vessels with dates of keel laying falling within (iii) above should now make an application to the Marine Survey Office for a survey of their vessel(s), if they have not already done so. Failure to apply for survey in sufficient time may result in the survey not being completed by 01/10/09 and in such circumstances vessels may not be eligible for the issue of a Fishing Vessel Safety Certificate.

Please also refer to [Marine Notice No. 32 of 2007](#) published by the Department in September 2007 for further information.

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