



## **Marine Notice No. 51 of 2008**

### **COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL OF HARMFUL ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS ON SHIPS (AFS-CONVENTION)**

***For the attention of all Owners, Operators, Masters, Skippers and Ship Agents of Merchant Vessels, Fishing Vessels and Recreational Craft.***

**This Marine Notice should be read in conjunction with Marine Notice [No. 55 of 2011](#)**

The AFS - Convention entered into force internationally on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The main provision is that the application, re-application, installation, or use of harmful anti-fouling systems on vessels is prohibited. The Paris MOU and other regional port state control organisations are enforcing the requirements of the AFS-Convention. Vessels may be subject to control measures and non-compliance may result in detention, banning or dismissal from ports.

Until such time as ratification of the Convention is completed by Ireland, compliance with the Convention by Irish vessels will continue to be demonstrated as detailed below: -

- For vessels of 400GT and above, by the carriage onboard of a Certificate issued under Regulation (EC) No 782/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 April 2003 on the prohibition of organotin compounds on ships. A survey will be required before the Certificate can be issued. The survey will verify compliance with Articles 4 and 5 of the EC Regulation.
- For vessels of 24metres or more in length but less than 400GT, by the completion of a “self declaration,” by the owner or the owner’s authorised agent (as per the format shown in Annex III of the EC Regulation.)
- For vessels of less than 24 metres in length, owners are recommended to complete a simple self-declaration.

All vessels should retain details of specifications and relevant receipts for paint systems applied to the outside of the hull.

Upon ratification of the Convention by Ireland, a further Marine Notice will issue, which will detail any necessary changes to the above requirements.

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