



Marine Notice No. 33 of 2008

Marine Casualty Reporting

For the attention of all Owners, Operators, Masters, Skippers of Passenger Vessels, Cargo Vessels, Fishing Vessels and Recreational Craft

A recent marine casualty investigation report published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board, MCIB, recommended that the Department of Transport should remind all vessel owners, charters, masters, skippers and operators of their obligation to report marine casualties and incidents to the Marine Survey Office of the Department of Transport.

The Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000 defines a Marine casualty as an event or process, which causes or poses the threat of:

- (a) death or serious injury to a person;
- (b) the loss of a person overboard;
- (c) significant loss or stranding of, or damage to, or collision with, a vessel or property; or
- (d) significant damage to the environment;

in connection with the operation of a:-

- (i) a vessel in Irish waters;
- (ii) an Irish registered vessel in waters anywhere; or
- (iii) a vessel normally located or moored in Irish waters and under the control of a resident of the state, in international waters contiguous to Irish waters.

A vessel for this purpose means any type of craft capable of being navigated on waters and includes all commercial vessels, all passenger ships and boats, all fishing vessels and all types of recreational craft.

The reporting should include relevant information including the name and description of the vessel, its position, the number of persons onboard and an accurate summary of the casualty.

The Marine Survey Office may be contacted as follows:

MSO Dublin	MSO Cork	MSO Ballyshannon
Marine Survey Office, Department of Transport, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 678 3400 Fax: 01 678 3409	Marine Survey Office, Department of Transport, Centre Park House, Centre Park Road, Cork. Tel: 021 496 8992 Fax: 021 496 8617	Marine Survey Office, Department of Transport, Town Council Buildings, Abbeyview, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal. Tel: 071 982 2400 Fax: 071 982 2439
or by e-mail: mso@transport.ie		

Director General,
Maritime Safety Directorate,
Department of Transport,
Leeson Lane,
Dublin 2.

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For any technical assistance in relation to this Marine Notice please contact
The Marine Surveyors' Office, Leeson Lane, Dublin 2 +353 1 678 3400

For information in relation to technical specification/type approval of radio equipment contact the Radio Surveyors on
+353 1 678 2363 / 2364 / 2365 / 2367.

For general enquiries please contact the Maritime Safety Division at +353-1-678 3418

Any enquiries concerning Marine Notices should be addressed to:
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