



Marine Notice No.33 of 2007

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

ANTI-FOULING SYSTEMS (AFS) LEGISLATION

The Department of Transport would like to advise that, under Regulation (EC) 782/2003, from 1st January 2008 all ships flying the flag of an EU Member State and all ships flying another flag that enter the port of an EU Member State either

(1) not bear organotin compounds which act as biocides in anti-fouling systems on their hulls or external parts and surfaces,

or

(2) bear a coating that forms a barrier to such compounds leaching from an underlying non-compliant anti-fouling system.

This is in advance of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) entry into force date 17th September 2008 for the AFS Convention.

The above Regulation applies to: -

- a) all ships (of whatever type) over 400 gross tonnes
- b) all ships, including fishing vessels, of 24 metres or greater in length but less than 400 gt.

The ships of group a) above must have on board an **International Anti-Fouling System Certificate** by the entry into force date of the EU Regulation on 01/01/2008.

The ships in group b) must carry a **“Declaration of Compliance with the EU Regulation or with the AFS Convention”**.

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