

Marine Notice No. 40 of 2012

For the attention of all Masters, Skippers, Vessel Operators and Farmers

Safety of Small Vessels Carrying Livestock

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to bring to the attention of all vessel operators a recent Marine Casualty Investigation Board report into the marine casualty involving the vessel “MFV Claire Buoyant”. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board, at www.mcib.ie.

The report made a number of recommendations and the Department wishes to remind operators of the recommendations made to them as follows:

- The carriage of livestock is a hazardous operation and any vessel carrying livestock must be appropriately certified. This is because of the dangers associated with the carriage of livestock and also because it is a legal requirement to use certified vessels for such carriage. Operators may contact the Marine Survey Office at the address below to apply for certification of their vessel.
- The report also made a more general recommendation applicable to all vessels and recommends that all craft should develop a maintenance regime and regularly check all fittings, both internal and external, which are open to the sea. Bilge pumps should be regularly inspected to ensure that they are clear from blockage and that no loose debris is in the bilge area.

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