



Marine Notice No. 55 of 2022

Notice to all Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Small Fishing Vessel Code of Practice Surveyors, Skippers and Fishers concerning fishing vessels of 15-24 m Length overall.

Incident Involving the Fire and Total Loss of a Fishing Vessel 15m-24m in Length.

The Department of Transport wishes to bring to the attention of all Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Skippers and Fishers a report published earlier this year by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board into the marine casualty involving the fishing vessel “FV Horizon” off the Old Head of Kinsale, Co. Cork on 14th May 2021. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board at www.mcib.ie.

In response to one of the report’s recommendations, the purpose of this Marine Notice is to remind all Fishing Vessel Owners, Operators, Skippers and crew of fishing vessels of 15-24m in length overall of the following:

- The mandatory requirements for fishing vessels in accordance with [S.I. No. 640 of 2007](#) – Merchant Shipping (Safety of Fishing Vessels) (15-24 Metres) Regulations 2007, especially regarding automatic fire alarm and fire detection systems testing procedures which are to be carried out in accordance with Section 9.2.5.2 of the International Code For Fire Safety Systems (FSS Code). In particular, detectors should be periodically tested using equipment suitable for the types of fires to which the detector is designed to respond. Operators and Skippers of existing vessels not fitted with such an approved system should satisfy themselves that any fire detection and alarm system that is fitted is maintained in accordance with the manufacturers’ instructions and is regularly tested.

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