



An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

Marine Notice No. 29 of 2024

Notice to all Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Skippers, Fishers and Seafarers

REMINDER - Safe Manning Document Fishing Vessels

Fishing vessel owners are reminded of the legal requirement to secure a minimum safe manning document for their fishing vessel. This is set out in the European Union (International Labour Organisation Work in Fishing Convention (Safe Manning) Regulations 2024 ([S.I. No. 52/2024](#)). Further information in relation to these Regulations and their requirements can be found in [Marine Notice No. 43 of 2023](#).

This requirement first came into effect on 19 December 2019, with some transitional provisions put in place to allow fishing vessel owners time to comply with its requirements. As such, some fishing vessels were issued with temporary minimum safe manning documents that have now expired or will expire shortly. Therefore, fishing vessel owners are reminded that it is now illegal to operate a fishing vessel of 15m in length and over without carrying a valid minimum safe manning document on board.

Fishing vessel owners are requested to check the date of expiry on their minimum safe manning document. Where the document has expired or a fishing vessel owner has yet to apply for a minimum safe manning document, owners are requested to renew or apply for their minimum safe manning document as a matter of urgency in order to avoid penalties. The application form can be found on the Department's website [here](#). Please note that there is also a requirement for the fishing vessel to be manned at all times to at least the level set out in the minimum safe manning document unless the Marine Survey Office approves changes to it.

For further information in relation to the safe manning of fishing vessels, please contact the Marine Survey Office – mso@transport.gov.ie

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