



An Roinn Iompair
Department of Transport

MARINE NOTICE NO. 14 OF 2022

This Marine Notice supersedes Marine Notice No. 14 of 2014

Notice to all Fishing Vessel Owners, Agents, Skippers, and Fishing Vessel Crew Members

New Revision of the Code of Practice for Small Fishing Vessels

The Department of Transport wishes to advise that it has published a new revision of its Code of Practice for Small Fishing Vessels, entitled:

“Code of Practice for the Design, Construction, Equipment and Operation of Small Fishing Vessels of less than 15 metres in length overall” (Revision 3 dated 01/03/2022, with operative date of 01/05/2022).

The Code of Practice sets the standards of safety and protection for all persons on board small fishing vessels, of less than 15 metres length overall, which are required to have a sea-fishing boat licence.

The Code is based on the voluntary instruments on safety at sea, jointly published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

The new revision refreshes the presentation of the previous revision, updates its references to legislation and Marine Notices, and incorporates many safety improvements, which have been derived from recommendations of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board, as well as from the Department’s Maritime Safety Strategy (2015), and the Report of the Working Group on Safety, Training & Employment in the Irish Fishing Industry (2015). Finally, the new revision has taken into account the responses that were received to the Public Consultation on the draft Code, which took place in November-December 2021.

The Code may be accessed on the Department's website through the following link: [Code of Practice for Fishing Vessels less than 15 m in length overall](#) Alternatively, you may request either an electronic or printed copy by sending an email to: maritimesafetypolicydivision@transport.gov.ie.

The most recent listing of the approved [Panel of Surveyors](#) and their contact details, is available from the Department's website at the link above, and also in [Marine Notice No. 01 of 2021](#), or from the Marine Survey Office: mso@transport.gov.ie.

Marine Notice No. 14 of 2014 is hereby withdrawn.

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