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UK SHIP RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

The UK has retained Regulation (EU) 1257/2013 on Ship Recycling in UK domestic law under the EU Withdrawal Act 2018, subject to amendments to make it operable in a UK-only context.

BACKGROUND

The EU Ship Recycling Regulation has been transposed into UK law by [SI 2018/1122](#) and [SI 2019/277](#), referred to as the UK Ship Recycling regulations (UK SRR), and with regards to Ship Recycling Facilities by [SI 2015/430](#) and [SI 2020/1429](#). Furthermore, the UK has issued [MGN 633, Amendment 1](#) on Requirements in relation to Hazardous Materials on Ships, and [MGN 656](#) on approved Ship Recycling Facilities, providing guidance on the UK SRR.

APPLICATION

As of January 1, 2021, the UK SRR applies to UK flagged ships 500GT and over on international voyages, calling at ports or anchorages in the UK, calling at ports or anchorages in the EEA (EU, Iceland and Norway) and to non-UK flagged ships 500GT and over calling at ports or anchorages in the UK.

KEY NOTES

- Effective Date: January 1, 2021
- Applicable Vessel Types: All
- Required Actions: An Inventory of Hazardous Materials and a UK-IHM certificate
- References:
 - SI 2018/1122 and SI 2019/277
 - SI 2015/430 and SI 2020/1429
 - MGN 633 Amendment 1 and MGN 656

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

With the departure of the UK from the EU, the UK is now considered a third country to the EU. This has led to changes in the certification requirements for UK flagged vessels in accordance with the UK-SRR certification as well as certification for the entry into EEA ports.

UK flagged ships are required to carry on board:

- an Inventory of Hazardous Materials in accordance with the EU SRR and a UK-IHM certificate
- an EU Statement of Compliance-IHM when entering EEA ports
- prior to proceeding for break-up, a UK Ready-for Recycling certificate

Non-UK flagged vessels calling ports or anchorages in the UK are required to carry on board:

- an Inventory of Hazardous Materials
- either an EU-IHM certificate (EEA flag ships) or an EU Statement of Compliance-IHM in accordance with the EU SRR (non-EEA flag ships)

SURVEYS

The following surveys are applicable to UK flag vessels:

- Initial and 5-year renewal survey – for initial verification of the IHM, Part I and 5-year renewal thereof
- Final Ready-for-Recycling survey – for verification of the Ship Recycling Plan, the IHM Parts II & III, and that the recycling facility is approved as per the Annex to MGN 656
- Occasional survey, in case of repair or modifications affecting the IHM

INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (IHM)

All vessels 500 GT and over entering UK ports or anchorages are required to carry on board and Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM). The IHM, Part I is to be developed to cover the hazardous materials contained in the structure and equipment of the ship as per Annex I and II of the EU regulation.

For new UK flagged ships, the IHM will have to be reviewed to the UK SRR. However, UK flagged ships with an existing IHM reviewed to the EU SRR will continue to be in compliance with the requirements of the UK-SRR but will have to be re-issued with a UK-IHM certificate in lieu of the EU-IHM certificate at the time of the next renewal surveys.

Non-UK flagged ships, which carry an IHM reviewed to the EU SRR, and with appropriate certification by either the EU-IHM certificate (EEA flagged ships) or the EU Statement of Compliance-IHM (non-EU flagged ships) will fulfill the UK-SRR and will continue to meet the requirements for entry into UK ports and anchorages.

RECYCLING OF UK FLAG SHIPS AND RECYCLING FACILITIES

When a UK ship prepares to go for recycling, it will need to have Part II and Part III of the IHM relating to operational waste and stores on board the ship, as well as the Ship Recycling Plan developed by the recycling facility, in order to obtain the Ready-for-Recycling certificate allowing the ship to proceed for recycling.

Furthermore, when preparing for recycling, the ship owner is obligated to notify the UK Administration with the required documentation as per MGN 633.

UK flagged ships must be recycled at a UK approved ship recycling facility as per the annex to MGN 656 on approved Ship Recycling Facilities.

ENFORCEMENT AND SANCTIONS

The UK SRR sets forth offences and penalties for UK ship owners in contravention of the UK-SRR related to hazardous materials and non-compliance with survey, certification and documentation requirements.

Non-UK flagged vessels may be subject to PSC intervention when entering UK ports or anchorages in case of non-compliance with survey, certification and documentation requirements of the UK-SRR.

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