

MERCHANT SHIPPING (CREW AGREEMENTS, LISTS OF CREW AND DISCHARGE OF SEAMEN) (FISHING VESSELS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1983

Notice to Owners, Managers, Skippers, Mates and Crews of Fishing Vessels, Fishing Vessel Survey Offices and Marine Offices

1. The above-mentioned Regulations are being made and will enter into effect on 1 April 1983. They will amend Regulation 13 of the Merchant Shipping (Crew Agreements, Lists of Crew and Discharge of Seamen) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1972 (Statutory Instrument 1972 No 919). They will provide that the nationality of each member of the crew of a fishing vessel shall be added to the information required to be included in the list of crew.
2. The declaration of nationality is required to monitor compliance with the provisions of proposed new legislation which will require British fishing vessels fishing or trans-shipping in the restricted fishing area or landing catches in the United Kingdom to be crewed by at least 75% European Community Nationals.
3. As the Department of Trade and many fishing vessel operators hold considerable stocks of the existing list of crew form ALC(FSG) 1 (a), it would be difficult and expensive to retrieve all existing stocks for destruction or amendment. Until existing stocks of this form are exhausted and a new version is printed, the nationality of each individual seaman should therefore be shown, in brackets, immediately after his name, in the box allocated for that purpose on the existing form.
4. It will be an offence not to provide the declaration of nationality and in certain circumstances non-compliance could lead to detention of the vessel.

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