

Fisheries Information Notice 6 of 2012 Marking and documentation of fishing vessels



The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice No. 6 of 2012 - entitled “**Marking and documentation of fishing vessels**”.

LEGISLATION

References:	EU 1224/2009	Control Regulation
	EU 404/2011	Detailed Rules for the Control Regulation
	SI 320/2012	Sea fisheries (community control system) Regulation 2012

Fishing Licence

A Community vessel may only be used for commercial fishing if the vessel has a valid licence. Fishing licences are issued managed by the Competent Authorities of the Flag Member States. Fishing licences are only valid if the conditions under which the licence was issued remain valid. If it is a condition of licence that it be carried onboard the vessel then the master is obliged to comply with this condition.

Fishing Authorisations

Authorisation are required by an Irish Fishing Vessel over 10m in length where the Minister makes a determination that a particular fishery for example by vessel type; effort measure or fish species. The latest determination is available on <http://www.sfpa.ie/>

Fishing vessels from other member states require authorisations in respect of:

- Fishing effort regime.
- Multi annual plans.
- Fishing in restricted areas
- Fishing for scientific purposes
- As required in Community Legislation.

If it is a condition of an authorisation that it be carried onboard the vessel then the master is obliged to comply with this condition.

Authorisation may only be issued to a vessel with a valid licence.

Data on Licences and or Authorisation is maintained on the secure part of the Member States (MS)

Websites and is directly accessible to the Commission: electronic exchange of the data is available to other Member States.

Marking of fishing vessels

A Community fishing vessel shall be marked with the letters of the Port/region in which the vessel is registered painted or displayed on both sides of the bow as high above the water as possible as follows:

- Vessel between 10m & 17m – the letters shall be 25cm in height with a line thickness of at least 4cm.
- Vessel 17m and over - the letters shall be 45cm in height with a line thickness of at least 6cm.
- The contrasting colour shall be either (Black on White) or (White on Black)

The marking of the vessel shall **NOT** be removable, effaced, altered, illegible, covered or concealed.

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