



# PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS IN MARITIME REGULATIONS

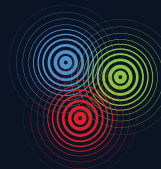
HAVE YOUR SAY!



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Better maritime regulation is essential for the shipping industry to continue to serve international maritime transportation and world trade efficiently. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is conducting a public consultation to identify unnecessary, disproportionate or obsolete regulatory requirements in mandatory IMO instruments. To assist in the identification of such requirements, the IMO encourages everyone with interest in and work experience of maritime regulations to take part in the consultation process. So have your say and help ensure that the IMO regulations are made better!

### HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

An on-line consultation will be conducted from 7 May to 31 October 2013 via the following link [www.imo.org/OurWork/rab](http://www.imo.org/OurWork/rab). The process of participation is transparent and quick and, once you have supplied basic information, there are just **four questions** on each administrative requirement you have chosen to comment on.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Anyone with an interest in and working experience of maritime regulations is encouraged to take part in the consultation. The consultation process is tailored to the various stakeholder groups, so that every respondent can choose which mandatory instrument(s)/area(s) to comment upon.

### WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

We need information from anyone who is subject to the IMO regulations, either directly in their daily work environment (e.g. ships' crews, managers, shippers, manufacturers etc.), or due to a legal obligation to implement and enforce the IMO regulations. Any information on **what you think** it takes to comply with the requirements, and on perceived obstacles to fulfilling them, is valuable in the process of assessing which administrative burdens can and should be reduced.

### WHAT IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT AND WHEN IS IT A BURDEN?

Examples of administrative requirements are keeping records, displaying information on board the ship, and providing information to authorities or to the IMO.

To determine which administrative requirements are burdens, more information is needed on the experience of anyone involved in fulfilling the requirements. This information will enable pertinent recommendations to be made to the IMO such as removal of obsolete requirements, reduction of frequency of obligations or creation of enhanced systems to facilitate compliance.

### WHAT IS THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION PROCESS?

In an ever-changing world it is important to ensure regulations keep pace with technological and other developments. The industry is constantly striving to improve procedures. Better regulation, including the elimination of unnecessary, disproportionate or obsolete requirements, is essential for the shipping industry to continue to serve international maritime transportation and world trade with the required efficiency and to make the best use of available resources.

The outcome of the consultation process could possibly result in the removal of current requirements imposing excessive formalities, minimization of burdens through better use of existing information, a reduction in the frequency of information provision, the creation of electronic solutions and other enhanced systems to facilitate compliance, and more.

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