



Carriage of Dangerous Goods on board Small Workboats

MCA Advice Note: AN 1006

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This advice note overrides pre-existing similar subject advice issued by the MCA (eg: SAN75)

AN1006 states;

- There are three standards against which a small workboat may be certificated against - for consistency these are referred to as either Brown Code vessels, MGN 280 vessels or Workboat Edition 2 vessels.
- The MCA will only recognise two documents which allow for the provision of carriage of dangerous goods that have been formally published; MGN 280, Workboat Code edition 2.
- When an application is received by the MCA to renew the Dangerous Goods Document of Compliance (DoC) for a Brown Code vessel or MGN 280 vessel; the limitations on the type and amount of dangerous goods that the vessel may carry shall be as per MGN 280.
- If the vessel has previously been authorised and certificated to carry more than MGN 280 requirements, this will be dropped down to the carriage requirements of MGN 280 levels, (MSF 3034 DoC DG MGN280).
- For an existing Brown Code vessel coming forward for a Dangerous Goods DoC for the first time, they will not be permitted to carry dangerous goods unless they choose to upgrade to either MGN 280 or Workboat Edition 2 in full, (MSF 3034 or MSF 3036).
- For new vessels, Workboat Edition 2 applies in full, (MSF 3036).
- Dangerous Goods DoCs are currently issued by both ROs and the MCA for MGN 280 and Workboat Code edition 2 vessels. For Brown Code vessels, only the MCA may issue a Dangerous Goods DoC.