

Marine Notice No. 34 of 2013

For the attention of all Masters, Operators and Owners

Safety Management Systems – Passenger Ships

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to bring to the attention of all passenger ship operators a recent report published by the Marine Casualty Investigation Board into the marine casualty involving the passenger ship “MV Ceol na Farraige”. The full report may be obtained from the website of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board at www.mcib.ie.

The report made a recommendation on safety management systems, reminding owners to carry out a risk assessment in accordance with the Domestic Safety Management Code. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport wishes to draw attention to the need for owners / operators to carry out a risk analysis in accordance with the Company Safety Policy Statement (Section 2.1) of the Domestic Safety Management Code. This should address all risks including open stairwells leading from the wheelhouse, and take any necessary precautions resulting from the analysis.

Although the code directly applies to cargo vessels over 500 GT and passenger ships operating exclusively in Irish domestic waters irrespective of their flag, its relevance is considered beneficial to vessel types other than the above.

For more information please refer to Regulation EU 336/2006, [S.I. No. 60 of 2008](#) and Marine Notices [2](#), [8](#) and [41](#) of 2007.

Statutory Instruments may be purchased by mail order from Government Publications, Office of Public Works, 52 St. Stephen’s Green, Dublin 2. Tel: 01-6476834. They are also available at: www.irishstatutebook.ie.

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