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Small craft

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WG 69 N 131, Revised Recreational Craft Directive, 2013 53 EC - Summary

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Background: Attached document from CEN/BT/WG 69 summarize the differences between the new Recreational Craft Directive 2013/53/EC and the present RCD 94/25/EC

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Timelines from „entry into force“

Publication in Official Journal of the EU (OJEU) 28 December 2013

+ 20 days - „entry into force“ (17 Jan 2014)

+ 2 years - end of transposition period - *preparation*

*1994/25/EC repealed and new RCD must be implemented into national law

+ 1 year - end of transitional period - *time frame for change*

*during which 1994/25/EC and RCD revision can be both applied

Main general changes

- Deletion of descriptors to design categories (Ocean, ...) and geographical areas (coastal waters, estuaries, ...) – description only through wind speeds and wave heights
- New definitions for clarification (key element „watercraft“)
- Introduction of „private importer“ (closing current loopholes in grey imports?)
- Importers required to provide their details on products
- Module PCA – More stringent procedure on Post Construction Assessment
- Deletion of mandatory references to harmonised standards (exhaust and noise emission measurement) requiring re-wording of conformity assessment modules more focussing on use/non-use of harmonised standards.

Changes to essential requirements

- Annex I.A.2.3. Protection from falling overboard and means of reboarding – means of reboarding shall be accessible to or deployable by a person in the water unaided.
- Annex I.A.2.4 Visibility from the main steering position applicable to all craft (change to include sailing vessels)
- Annex I.A.3.3. Buoyancy and flotation/3.8 Escape – new wording introducing stability assessment for multihulls
- Annex I.A.5.1.6. – “killcord” requirement for tiller steered OB engines
- Annex I.A.5.1.6. – deletion of mandatory tank ventilation for all tanks applicable only to petrol fuel tank spaces
- Annex I.A.5.3. Electrical system – addressing electric propulsion
- Annex I.A.5.5. Gas system – appliance requirement of flame failure deleted (covered by gas appliance directive)
- Annex I.5.8. – Water protection – holding tank requirement
- **Annex I.B – New engine emission limits – alignment with EPA 2010/CARB including test cycles* and test fuels**

*on-going work to produce harmonised standard – impossible to harmonise ISO 8178 but new (temporary small craft) standard copy/paste under involvement of ISO 8178 parent committee

New categorization (OLD SI 2T/4T, CI):

SI OB – Spark ignition outboard

SI IB – Spark ignition inboard – catalyst rule

CI – Compression ignition

*for engines >37kW, current limits will remain applicable for engines <37kW