

SFIN 18

Seafish Construction Standards: Deck equipment emergency stops

This notice should be read in conjunction with the Seafish Construction Standards (September 2012 edition). Where information in this notice contradicts the Standards, this notice is to take priority.

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Summary

This Seafish Information Note expands on paragraph 11.13.3 of the Seafish Construction Standards for New Fishing Vessels Less than 15m length overall, in respect of emergency stops for hydraulically operated deck equipment. The note provides clarification in terms of the requirement and what would be considered acceptable. This Seafish Information Note supersedes SFIN 16 which shall no longer be in effect after 22nd March 2018.

Deck equipment emergency stops

With reference to section 11.13.3 of the Construction Standards for New Fishing Vessels Less than 15m length overall, the following information shall apply as an expansion of the requirement relating to emergency stops for hydraulically operated deck equipment:

- 1) An emergency stop facility is to be provided at the helm position for all hydraulically operated deck equipment and in addition a local emergency stop device is to be fitted at the winch or hauler. *As stated in section 11.13.3.*
- 2) The emergency stop facility at the helm and the local emergency stop device shall be of the typical push-to-stop button type and shall be fitted in addition to the normal operating controls of the equipment.
- 3) All winches and haulers are required to have a local emergency stop device. Consideration should be given to the positioning of the local emergency stop to maximise the chance of operation in the event of an accident. In general, it should be located within a reaching distance of approximately one metre from the actual piece of equipment it is intended to stop (this may not necessarily be the control position), and should be positioned so that it will be visible and

readily accessible at all times. The device should not be fitted in a position where other parts of the vessel will cause obstruction to either its visibility or operation.

- 4) A local emergency stop device may cover more than one piece of hydraulically operated deck equipment providing its location in relation to each piece of equipment complies with the requirements of paragraph 3.
- 5) Emergency stop facilities/devices for hydraulic deck equipment are not to interfere with the running of any propulsion engine, ie. in the case where a propulsion engine provides power for the hydraulic deck equipment, the propulsion engine stop facility shall not be accepted as an emergency stop for hydraulic deck equipment.

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