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Amendments to Regulations on marine equipment – updated table

1. Introduction

The Norwegian Maritime Authority has laid down amendments to the Regulations of 30 August 2016 No. 1042 on marine equipment.

Regulation (EU) 2026/1434 was adopted on 30 June 2026 and published in the EU Official Journal on 22 July 2026. The Regulation enters into force in the EU on 31 August 2026. In order to ensure a level playing field, it is of great importance that manufacturers and designated notified bodies in the EFTA States are able at all times to apply the same rules as their competitors in the rest of the EEA. On 28 August 2026, a decision was taken to incorporate the Regulation into the EEA Agreement. The regulatory amendments now laid down incorporate the EU Regulation into Norwegian law.

2. Consultation

The proposed amending regulations were circulated for consultation from 29 June to 17 August 2026. A short response time was considered necessary to ensure that Norwegian design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards comply with the requirements in force in the EU at all times. A shortened response period for the consultation was considered to be in accordance with the Instructions for Official studies and Reports. No comments were received.

3. Details on the regulatory framework

The EU Regulation has been implemented by incorporation into section 2 of the Regulations on marine equipment, and the EU Regulation will therefore apply as regulations, word for word. In section 2 of the Regulations, the reference to Regulation (EU) 2025/1533 is replaced with a new reference to Regulation (EU) 2026/1434.

The structure of the EU Regulation is retained, so that the requirements for design, construction, performance and testing for each piece of equipment are listed in a table. The table includes references to the source of the requirements in the relevant international conventions and further indicates the relevant modules for conformity assessment for each piece of equipment.

Where new requirements are introduced, the table will indicate the date from which equipment complying with the new requirements may be placed on the market, and the last date on which equipment certified in accordance with the previous requirements may be placed on board.

In sections 2 and 2a, the reference to the Annex to the EEA Agreement has been corrected from Annex XIII to Annex II. The fact that the correct Annex has not been specified has had no practical consequences. In addition, linguistic amendments have been made to the provisions in accordance with the new template for incorporation provisions relating to EEA Regulations.

EU regulations and other legal acts that are incorporated into the EEA Agreement are translated into Norwegian, but it may take a relatively long time before an official translation is available. For that reason, an unofficial Norwegian translation of the EU Regulation will be published together with the Regulations at lovdata.no for information purposes, as soon as it is available.

4. Economic and administrative consequences of the proposal

The pan-European regime ensures harmonised implementation of the requirements of the international conventions (SOLAS, MARPOL, COLREG) and promotes equal conditions of competition for manufacturers and notified bodies. Common rules also help reduce

transaction costs associated with placing such equipment on the market. The regime shall at the same time ensure that marine equipment which is sold and installed or placed on board Norwegian ships meets an adequate standard of safety.

The proposed amendments do not change the regime for conformity assessment and certification as such and will therefore not have further administrative or economic consequences for the industry than those arising from the international conventions. The economic and administrative consequences for the public authorities are limited to participation in EU processes relating to amendments to the Marine Equipment Directive and the implementation of such amendments into Norwegian legislation.

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Attachments: Regulation concerning amendments to the Regulations of 30 August 2016 No. 1042 on marine equipment.