Regulations of 6 December 2018 No. 1813 on the recycling of ships and mobile offshore units

Legal basis: Laid down by the Ministry of Climate and Environment on 6 December 2018 pursuant to the Act of 16 February 2007 No. 9 relating to ship safety and security (Ship Safety and Security Act) sections 33, 36, 43 and 44, cf. Formal Delegation of 16 February 2007 No. 171, and Act of 13 March 1981 No. 6 concerning protection against pollution and concerning waste (Pollution Control Act) sections 9, 12, 16, 31, 33, 49, 52a and 81, cf. Formal Delegation of 8 July 1983 No. 1245 and Formal Delegation of 11 June 1993 No. 785.
EEA references: EEA Agreement Annex XX points 32c and 32fh (Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013), Annex XIII point 56b (Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013), Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2324 and Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2322.
Amendments: Amended by Regulation of 25 June 2025 No. 1339 (in force on 26 June 2025).

Section 1. ***Implementation of the EU Ship Recycling Regulation in Norwegian legislation***

EEA Agreement Annex XX point 32c and Annex XIII point 56b (Regulation (EU) No 1257/2013 on ship recycling and amending Regulation (EC) 1013/2006 and Directive2009/16/EC) (Ship Recycling Regulation) shall apply as regulation with the adaptations that follow from Annex XX point 32fh, Annex XX, Annex XIII, Protocol 1 to the Agreement and the Agreement in general.

Section 1a. ***Definition of "ship" in sections 1b and 1c***

For the purposes of sections 1b and 1c, "ship" means a ship as defined in Article 3(1.1) of the Ship Recycling Regulation, with the exception of ships referred to in Article 2(2) of the Ship Recycling Regulation.

Amended by Regulation of 25 June 2025 No. 1339 (in force on 26 June 2026).

Section 1b. ***Certificate requirements under the Hong Kong Convention***

Norwegian ships shall carry an International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials issued in accordance with the Annex to the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (Hong Kong Convention).

Ships calling at a Norwegian port shall carry an International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials issued in accordance with the Annex to the Hong Kong Convention or equivalent documentation.

Added by Regulation of 25 June 2025 No. 1339 (in force on 26 June 2026).

Section 1c. ***Recycling of ships not flying the flag of an EEA State***

This section applies to the recycling in Norway of ships that do not fly the flag of an EEA State.

A ship recycling facility may only recycle a ship if:

a. the facility is approved in accordance with Article 14 of the Ship Recycling Regulation;
b. the ship does not contain hazardous materials in contravention of Regulation 4 of the Annex to the Hong Kong Convention;
c. the ship has an Inventory of Hazardous Materials in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Annex to the Hong Kong Convention;
d. the ship complies with the requirements of Regulations 8.2 and 8.3 of the Annex to the Hong Kong Convention when received at the facility, and
e. the ship holds an International Ready for Recycling Certificate issued in accordance with Chapter 2, Part C of the Annex to the Hong Kong Convention or equivalent documentation, cf. third paragraph.

When recycling ships flying the flag of a State that is not a Party to the Hong Kong Convention, the ship shall, instead of an International Ready for Recycling Certificate under the second paragraph (e), carry documentation equivalent to such a certificate.

The company shall ensure that ships are not recycled in contravention of the requirements in the second paragraph (a) to (e) and the third paragraph.

For the purposes of recycling, the requirements applicable to ship recycling facilities laid down in Article 7(1) to (3) and Article 13(2) of the Ship Recycling Regulation shall apply correspondingly. A notification under Article 13(2)(b) of the Ship Recycling Regulation shall be submitted to the administration of the flag State, even if this is not an EEA State.

Added by Regulation of 25 June 2025 No. 1339 (in force on 26 June 2026).

Section 2. ***Preparation of specified documents***

Reports of planned start of ship recycling as mentioned in Article 13(2)(b) of the Ship Recycling Regulation shall comply with the format set out in Appendix I to these Regulations.

Statements of completion of ship recycling as mentioned in Article 13(2)(c) of the Ship Recycling Regulation shall comply with the format set out in Appendix II to these Regulations. A copy of the notification shall be sent to the Norwegian Environment Agency.

Amended by Regulation of 25 June 2025 No. 1339 (in force on 26 June 2026).

Section 3. ***Certificates, duration and renewal survey***

The Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM Certificate) pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Ship Recycling Regulation and the International Certificate on Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IIHM Certificate) pursuant to Regulation 14.2 of the Annex to the Hong Kong Convention shall be issued with a validity of up to five years. Renewal surveys referred to in Article 8(5) of the Ship Recycling Regulation and in Regulation 10.1.2 of the Annex to the Hong Kong Convention shall be carried out every five years.

Certificates under these Regulations shall be issued by the Norwegian Maritime Authority or a recognised classification society.

Amended by Regulation of 25 June 2025 No. 1339 (in force on 26 June 2026).

Section 4. ***Deadline for notification of intention to recycle***

Notification as mentioned in Article 6(1)(b) of the Ship Recycling Regulation shall be submitted to the NMA or a classification society recognised by the NMA not later than one month prior to the planned start of the recycling.

Section 5. ***Authority***

The Norwegian Environment Agency or the authority authorised by the Ministry of Climate and Environment shall adopt decisions pursuant to Articles 7, 13 and 14 of the Ship Recycling Regulation, cf. also section 1c except the fourth paragraph, and shall supervise compliance with those provisions. Decisions to approve ship recycling plans under Article 7(3) of the Ship Recycling Regulation shall be made by individual administrative decision.

The Norwegian Maritime Authority shall adopt decisions pursuant to the remaining provisions of the Ship Recycling Regulation, as well as section 1b and section 1c fourth paragraph, and shall supervise compliance with those provisions.

Amended by Regulation of 25 June 2025 No. 1339 (in force on 26 June 2026).

Section 6. ***Fees***

The undertaking shall pay a fee to the Treasury for the Norwegian Environment Agency's processing of applications for approval of a ship recycling plan under Article 7(3) of the Ship Recycling Regulation, cf. also section 1c, and for approval or renewal of approval under Article 14(1).

The Norwegian Environment Agency may charge fees in connection with carrying out supervision pursuant to this chapter.

The NEA determines the fee rates pursuant to the Regulations on pollution control sections 39-3, 39-4 and 39-7.

Section 7. ***Entry into force and amendments to other regulations***

These Regulations enter into force immediately.

Appendix I

The format of the report of planned start of ship recycling, cf. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2324.

Appendix II

The format of the statement of completion of ship recycling, cf. Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2322.

ANNEX I

CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Hazardous Material	***Definitions***	***Control measures***
Asbestos	Materials containing asbestos	For all ships, new installation of materials which contain asbestos shall be prohibited.
Ozone-depleting substances	"Ozone-depleting substances" means the controlled substances as defined in Article 1(4) of the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, listed in Annexes A, B, C or E to that Protocol, as in force at the time of application or interpretation of this Annex. Ozone-depleting substances that may be found on board ships include, but are not limited to: Halon 1211 Bromochlorodifluoromethane Halon 1301 Bromotrifluoromethane Halon 2402 1,2-Dibromo-1,1,2,2-tetra-fluoroethane (also known as Halon 114B2) CFC-11 Trichlorofluoromethane CFC-12 Dichlorodifluoromethane CFC-113 1,1,2-Trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane CFC-114 1,2-Dichloro-1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane CFC-115 Chloropentafluoroethane HCFC-22 Chlorodifluoromethane	New installations containing ozone-depleting substances shall be prohibited on all ships; however, new installations containing hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) shall be permitted until 1 January 2020.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)	"Polychlorinated biphenyls" (PCB) means aromatic compounds formed in such a manner that the hydrogen atoms on the biphenyl molecule (two benzene rings bonded together by a single carbon-carbon bond) may be replaced by up to ten chlorine atoms.	For all ships, new installation of materials containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) shall be prohibited.
Anti-fouling compounds and systems	Anti-fouling compounds and systems regulated under Annex I to the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships, 2001 (AFS Convention), as in force at the time of application or interpretation of this Annex.	1. No ship may apply anti-fouling systems containing organotin compounds as a biocide, nor any other anti-fouling system whose application or use is prohibited by the AFS Convention. 2. No new ship, and no new installation on a ship, shall apply or employ anti-fouling compounds or systems in a manner inconsistent with the AFS Convention.

1 Not applicable for ships flying the flag of a third country.

2 Regulation (EC) No 850/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on persistent organic pollutants and amending Directive 79/117/EEC (OJ L 158, 30.4.2004, p. 7).

LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. Any hazardous materials listed in Annex I
2. Cadmium and cadmium compounds
3. Hexavalent chromium and hexavalent chromium compounds
4. Lead and lead compounds
5. Mercury and mercury compounds
6. Polybrominated biphenyl (PBBs)
7. Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs)
8. Polychlorinated naphthalenes (more than 3 chlorine atoms)
9. Radioactive substances
10. Certain shortchain chlorinated paraffins (alkanes, C10-C13, chloro)
11. Brominated flame retardant (HBCDD)