

REGULATORY DEBRIEF

THE UNITED KINGDOM SCHEME FOR MONITORING, REPORTING AND VERIFICATION (MRV) OF CARBON DIOXIDE (CO₂) EMISSIONS FROM SHIPS

OCTOBER 2021



OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

Following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union the UK has looked to clarify the position in relation to the EU MRV regime and its continued applicability to vessels in UK waters.

Pursuant to the terms of the EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018 the EU Regulation which established the EU MRV regime (Regulation (EU) 2015/757) has been adapted within the UK to make it operable in a UK-only context.

On 17 September 2021, UK issued the Marine Notice MIN 669 (M+F) Reporting Emissions Data into the UK MRV Regime with guidance on the application of the UK scheme for monitoring, reporting and verifying (MRV) carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions.

APPLICABILITY

Ships over 5,000 gross tonnes, transporting cargo and/or passengers for commercial purposes to and from UK ports, between UK ports or within UK ports (including while at berth), are subject to the UK MRV regime regardless of their Flag State, country of owner's registration etc.

Within the scope of the UK MRV regime criteria for both vessel type and the type of emissions data to be collected remain the same as they are under the EU MRV scheme.

VOYAGES AND PORT STAYS FALLING UNDER THE SCOPE OF THE UK MRV REGIME

- Voyages between two UK ports
- Voyages between a UK and non-EEA port
- UK port stays related to the above voyages.

To avoid duplication, data for voyages between UK and EEA ports, and vice-versa, are not to be reported under the UK MRV regime. Data on these voyages should continue to be submitted to the European Commission under the EU MRV regime.



BY 31 OCTOBER 2021:

- If a ship already uses a monitoring plan under the EU MRV regime, the ship operator should confirm with the verifier if this is suitable for the UK MRV regime, or if changes are needed.
- If necessary, the ship operator should submit the modification of the monitoring plan or a new monitoring plan to comply with the UK regime.

BY 31 DECEMBER 2021:

- Ensure the emissions monitoring systems on board the vessels are ready to accommodate the reporting requirements of UK MRV regime.

BY 1 JANUARY 2022:

- Start the collection of data required under UK MRV regime for the first reporting period (i.e., 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022) following the procedures established in the assessed monitoring plan.

BY 15 FEBRUARY 2023:

- Submit the 2022 emissions report to ABS for verification.

BY 30 APRIL 2023:

- Submit a verified emissions report to the UK Administration covering the 2022 reporting period.
- The UK no longer has access to the THETIS-MRV database and is developing a database that can receive MRV data. The main elements of the database are expected to be in place in the latter half of 2022. The UK will provide further information about the process for inputting ship emissions data onto the new UK MRV database in due course.

BY 30 JUNE 2023:

- Ensure that the UK Document of Compliance (DoC) is available on board in addition to the EU MRV DoC.

ABS AS UK MRV VERIFIER

ABS is in the process of being accredited as a UK MRV verifier by the UKAS accreditation body.

Since the ABS EU MRV Conformity Assessment Body (ABS Hellenic S.M. Ltd.) is already accredited by a European National Accreditation Body, it is accepted as verifier under the UK MRV regime until the end of 2022. It is the intention that ABS will have UK MRV accreditation prior to the end of 2022, subject to the UK Accreditation Service (UKAS) process for accreditation.

Should you need any further information, please contact your local ABS Engineering Office or email us at MRVABSLondon@eagle.org.

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