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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>EUROPEAN UNION</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point, Fax: +(32) 2 299 80 43, E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home</p>
<p>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], Other:</p>
<p>4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Marine Equipment (including inter alia life-saving appliances, pollution prevention equipment, fire protection equipment, navigation equipment, radio communication equipment).</p>
<p>5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access): Draft Commission Regulation laying down rules for the application of Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1533; (3 page(s), in English), (258 page(s), in English) Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/EEC/26_02203_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/TBT/EEC/26_02203_01_e.pdf European Commission EU-TBT Enquiry Point Fax: + (32) 2 299 80 43 E-mail: grow-eu-tbt@ec.europa.eu The text is available on the Website: https://technical-barriers-trade.ec.europa.eu/en/home</p>
<p>6. Description of content: The draft Regulation replaces Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1533. The design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards in respect of marine equipment falling within the scope of Directive 2014/90/EU are provided for in international instruments, defined in Article 2(5) of that Directive. In order to take into account the most recent changes to the international instruments, the list of the applicable international instruments is updated and marine equipment which has become subject to harmonised Union requirements pursuant to Directive 2014/90/EU following those changes is explicitly listed in the Annex.</p>

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The purpose of the Marine Equipment Directive is to enhance safety at sea and the prevention of marine pollution through the uniform application of the relevant international instruments adopted under the auspices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), which lay down specific requirements concerning the construction, performance and/or testing of equipment to be placed on board ships, and to ensure the free movement of such equipment within the EU. These international instrument include, in particular: the 1966 International Convention on Load Lines (LL66); the 1972 Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (Colreg); the 1973 International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (Marpol) and the 1974 International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (Solus). ; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents:

Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on marine equipment and repealing Council Directive 96/98/EC (OJ L 257, 28.8.2014, p. 146 – 185)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:1997:046:0025:0056:EN:PDF>

9. Proposed date of adoption: End of July/August 2026

Proposed date of entry into force: Entry into force 40 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU (the publication will take place about a month after adoption approx.)

10. Provision of comments

Final date for comments: 26 June 2026

60 days from notification

Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:

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