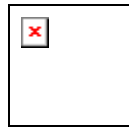


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In paragraph (d) of the table, after the words “fishing vessels” insert the words “6 metres or more but”.

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Report

It is recognised on page 3 of the report accompanying Projet 140/2001 that vessels under six metres are manned mainly by part-time fishermen.

I have had discussions with both the Harbour Office and the President of the Harbours and Airport Committee on this matter, and have received assurances that this group of fishermen would be exempted from the second and third requirements of these Regulations under Regulation 4.

I had originally decided to seek assurances to this effect from the President during the debate.

However, in view of the changes facing our government, and the fact that even the first requirement is unsatisfactory because approximately 60 per cent of it is irrelevant to the group concerned, I now consider a more formal agreement necessary.

Whilst I fully understand the need for safety measures, in this particular case the proposals will be counter-productive, as owners of boats under six metres in length will simply de-register their boats to avoid the hassle, and thereby miss out on any opportunity to learn safety measures.

I would prefer to see the Committee introduce an appropriate short course, specifically tailored for crews of boats under six metres in length, which could be done locally by local staff, perhaps over one or two evenings.

This would be of benefit, whereas a hundred fishermen de-registering to avoid the aggravation of, for example, learning to use a life-raft which they don't have and would therefore never use, would not.

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this amendment.