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NMMA Certification Deadlines—2023 Model Year: REMINDERS

The NMMA Engineering team is dedicated to product safety and supporting our members working towards achieving certification.

To promote early model year certification and reduce exposure, the Boat and Yacht Certification Committee (BYCC) approved a timeline for completion of each step in the certification process. Upcoming deadlines to note:

- All inspections must be completed by February 20
- Variations Responses—within 30 days of report date/120-day max with requested extension
- Exams—must be completed by June 30 of the new model year

To monitor your progress, log into the NMMA ECT portal to review your certification status on the summary page.

Please email Scott Berry at sberry@nmma.org or Chad Keskitalo at ckeskitalo@nmma.org with any questions.

California's Song-Beverly Warranty Act

California recently passed an update to its Song-Beverly Warranty Act under AB2912, signed by Governor Newsom, that will impact any company selling products that include written warranties, including marine manufacturers and companies in the recreational marine space.

AB2912 will go into effect on July 1, 2023 and requires the warranty period of a product must begin no sooner than the delivery date of the product to a consumer. Typically, limited warranties measure their duration from the date of sale. A typical warranty would state that the warranty period lasts two or three years from the original date of sale, a transaction that may occur online or out of state.

NMMA member companies who sell products in California are encouraged to review warranty cards and policies to ensure they are in compliance with the new law.

For questions or additional information, please contact Rachel Fischer, NMMA Manager of Western Policy and Engagement, at rfischer@nmma.org.

2023 RSG Guidelines

The 2023 RSG Guidelines have been published and prepared to assist Market Surveillance Authorities, Notified Bodies and Industry.

The Recreational Craft Sectoral Group (RSG) has been established to assist in the uniform application and interpretation of the actual version of the Recreational Craft Directive 2013-53-EU (RCD).

The composition of RSG comprises the following parties:

- Notified Bodies
- EU Commission
- Recreational Craft Industry
- User Organizations
- European Standardization Bodies

The objectives of co-operation within the RSG

- to share experience and exchange views on the application of the conformity assessment procedures with the aim of contributing to a uniform understanding and application of requirements and procedures;
- to elaborate opinions from a technical point of view on matters of conformity assessment procedures by seeking a consensus;
- to give advice to the EU Commission following its request on subjects related to the application of the RCD;
- to consider aspects of ethics related to Notified Body activities and to elaborate, if necessary, statements on that topic;
- to remain in coherence with standardization work at European and international level;
- to remain informed of harmonization activities at European level.

The 2023 RSG Guidelines can be accessed [here](#).

Canadian Annual Production Reports

The Canadian Representative (or CRO) is responsible for submitting a report no later than March 31, 2023 indicating the quantity of each model built for sale in Canada during the previous calendar year. These reports can be submitted using either a form published by Transport Canada (form no. 80-0010) available online or digitally through enrollment in Transport Canada's new online service platform. This new user-friendly platform offers clients useful tools beyond just an electronic version of a form. Users can submit DoCs, access a complete list of DoCs on file, update the production status of each model at any time and view reports from past years amongst other things. Enrollment in these services can be requested by the CRO by emailing declaration@tc.gc.ca. When choosing to use the traditional method, completed 80-0010 forms can be submitted by email, fax or mail using the contact information provided.

Canadian small vessel compliance requirements including assignment of a CRO, issuance of a Canadian MIC, Declaration of Conformity and Annual Production Report services are administered by Transport Canada through the Small Vessel Manufacturer and Importer Compliance Program. To enroll in the program, submit documents or request information please contact:

SMALL VESSEL MANUFACTURER AND IMPORTER COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

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The Top 5 Variations in Electrical Installations

Regardless of compliance for NMMA or CE certification, some installation requirements shall always be met. Here are the top 5 variations which can be frequently found in electrical installations:

1. No more than four terminals shall be secured to any one terminal stud.
2. Multiple conductors connected to a terminal stud shall be installed with the highest ampacity conductor terminal closest to the base, followed by successively smaller ampacity conductor terminals.
3. Shore power systems shall have a main shore power disconnect circuit breaker or additional fuses or circuit breakers provided within 10 ft (three meters) of the inlet or attachment point to the electrical system of the boat.
4. Conductors shall be supported throughout their length or shall be secured at least every 18 in.
5. When AC and DC conductors are run together, the AC conductors shall be sheathed, bundled, or otherwise kept separate from the DC conductors.

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