



New EU Regulation 2017/306 - implemented changes

The new European Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/306 applies from 16 March 2017. The Annex to this Regulation replaces Amendment 11 (Directive (EU) 2015/559) to the Marine Equipment Directive 96/98/EC. This Regulation indicates performance requirements and testing standards for each item of marine equipment that require assessment of conformity with Directive 2014/90/EU.

The Regulation allows a transitional period, up to 16 March 2020, during which equipment listed in the Annex as a new item can be placed on the market and on board an EU ship if it conforms with an EU Member State's national requirements for type approval being in force before 16 March 2017.

If the given equipment exists two times (in two rows), e.g. MED/1.2.a, then the lower row contains updated requirements of the international instruments.

In such cases and if no date is given in column 5 and 6, it indicates that there has been no change in the testing standards and that the examined marine equipment shall comply with the requirements indicated in the lower row.

For the equipment item: 2.6, 2.7, 2.10, 3.26, 3.29, 3.30, 3.43, 3.51, 3.52, 3.53, 3.54, 3.63, 3.65, 3.68, 4.3, 4.21, 4.30, 4.43, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.10, 5.11, 5.13 „Date for placing on board” is given in the higher row and “Date for placing on market” is given in the lower row. It means that requirements for this equipment has changed. Therefore devices meeting “old” requirements can be installed till the date of placing on board given in the higher row, and devices placed on market after 16.03.2017 shall fulfill “new” requirements specified in the lower row.

The manufacturer is always obliged to follow changes and updates in standards/MED amendments and inform PRS S.A. if modifications to the equipment/production process are necessary (see art.12 item 5 of Directive 2014/90/EU).