

**Circular 253/2021**

**To:** Vessel Owners, Managers, Masters, Officers, Deputy Registrars and Other Interested Parties

**Subject:** UK MRV – the new UK’s monitoring and verification of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

**Attachments:** -

**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

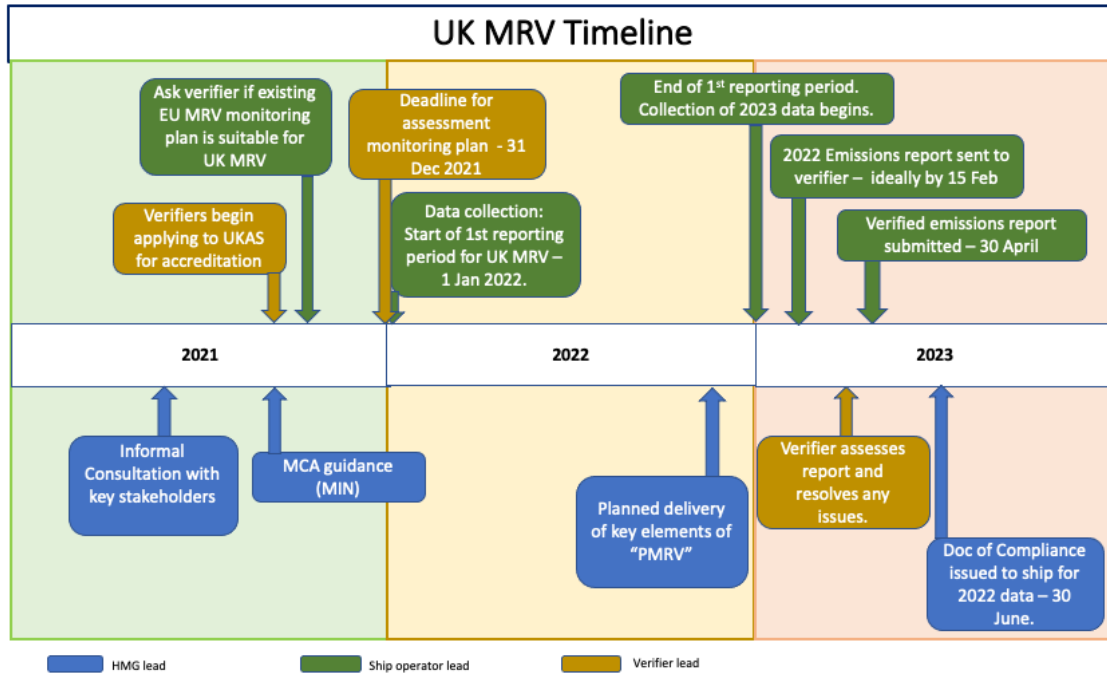
**Summary**

Further to what reported in the MCI circular nr 244/2020, although the UK is no longer part of the EU MRV regime, the EU Regulation which established that regime (Regulation (EU) 2015/757) was retained in domestic law under the EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018, that establishes a UK MRV regime to monitor, report and verify emissions data from ships calling at UK ports. subject to amendments needed to make it operable in a UK-only context.

The main elements in the establishment of the new regime which stakeholders should be aware of are that:

- Ship operators should begin collecting emissions data for their ships under the UK MRV regime from 1 January 2022.
- No emissions data should be supplied for 2021 for the UK MRV regime, although data for voyages between the UK and countries in the EEA should still be reported to the European Commission under the EU MRV regime. Any emissions data for voyages to and from UK ports in 2020 should have been reported to the European Commission by April 2021.
- The type of vessel within scope of the UK MRV regime and type of emissions data for collection will be the same as those under the EU MRV regime.
- To avoid duplication, UK is not expecting data for voyages between UK and EEA ports, and vice-versa, 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.
- Emissions data for voyages between UK ports, between UK and non-EEA ports, and vice-versa, and from vessels at berth in a UK port will need to be included in the UK MRV emissions report.
- From 30 June 2023, a separate DoC will be needed by ship operators to cover voyages to and from UK ports, made in the previous reporting period, which fall outside the scope of the EU MRV.
- From 1 January 2023, all verifiers must be accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) – ship owners should check the status of their verifier(s).
- An assessed UK MRV monitoring plan needs to be in place by 31st December 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.
- The UK no longer has access to the EU’s THETIS-MRV database. Data reports will be entered into a separate emissions database which is under development.

From 1 July 2021, ships which used a UK or EEA port in 2020, should now carry a DoC for emissions data collected during the 2020 reporting period, to comply with the EU MRV regime.



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