

Ship Recycling Related

Technical Notice

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Subject:

Hong Kong Convention on ship recycling finally ratified

The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships ([the Hong Kong Convention](#)) is set to **enter into force within 24 months**, after **Bangladesh** and **Liberia** became Contracting States to the Convention.

The convention was finally ratified by two of the biggest ship-recycling countries after years-long efforts by the IMO to bring them on board.

Key requirements

The key requirements can be summarized in two main points:

1. **Each ship of 500 GT and above** shall have a certified **Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM)**
2. **Ship Recycling Facilities (SRF)** shall be **authorized** by their competent authorities and shall **only accept ships** that **comply** with the HKC requirements

The long time needed for ratification of the HKC has caused the **EU to take action**, resulting in the EU Ship Recycling Regulation (**EU SRR**), which entered into force on 30 December 2013 and has been fully applicable since 31 December 2020.

The **EU SRR adopted the requirements of the HKC** as well as some additional requirements. Although the EU SRR is only applicable on a regional level, it has prepared the industry for compliance with the HKC requirements.

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