

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE DUTY FOR FISHING AND HUNTING VESSELS TO MAINTAIN A RADIO WATCH (CHANNEL 16) AND ACKNOWLEDGE CALLS

Adopted by the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs on 23 June 2010 under section 35 of the Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37, section 4 of the Act of 17 December 1976 No. 91 relating to the Economic Zone of Norway, section 14 of the Royal Decree of 13 May 1977 No. 2 relating to fishing and hunting operations by foreign nationals in the Economic Zone of Norway and landings in Norwegian ports, section 3 of the Royal Decree of 3 June 1977 No. 6 relating to a fisheries protection zone around Svalbard, sections 4 and 5 of the Royal Decree of 23 May 1980 No. 4 relating to the establishment of a fisheries zone around Jan Mayen, section 4 of the Act of 17 July 1925 No. 11, and section 1 of the Royal Decree of 28 April 1978 No. 11 relating to regulatory measures for fishing and hunting operations, etc., in the territorial and internal waters of Svalbard.

Section 1 Scope

These regulations apply to Norwegian fishing and hunting vessels. The regulations also apply to foreign vessels that are fishing in the Economic Zone of Norway, the fisheries zone around Jan Mayen, the fisheries protection zone around Svalbard and the territorial and internal waters of Svalbard.

Section 2 Duty to maintain a radio watch and acknowledge calls

Vessels such as are mentioned in section 1 shall maintain a continuous radio watch on the distress and calling frequency 156.8 MHz (VHF channel 16) and shall acknowledge calls from the Coast Guard or from a fisheries authority that has been assigned control and enforcement powers under Chapter 7 of the Act of 6 June 2008 No. 37 relating to the management of wild living marine resources.

Section 3 Duty to change from distress and calling frequency to another frequency

On receiving a call, the vessel shall immediately acknowledge the call. It shall then without undue delay change to the agreed working frequency for further communication.

Section 4 Entry into force

These regulations enter into force immediately. At the same time, the Regulations of 16 December 1994 No. 1120 relating to the duty for fishing and hunting vessels to maintain a radio watch (channel 16) and acknowledge calls are repealed.