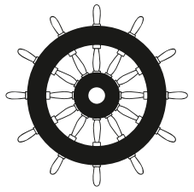
Declaration of conformity - and marking

After the successful conformity assessment, the manufacturer of marine equipment issues a written Declaration of Conformity (DoC). This must be carried on board and submitted immediately to the market surveillance authority on request.

A sample declaration of conformity can be downloaded from the BSH website.
The Group of Notified Bodies (MarED Group) makes available on its website (www.mared.org) a list of notified bodies with the scope of their activities as well as a data-base on approved marine equipment.
Products which successfully completed the conformity assessment procedure are labelled with the conformity symbol **(Wheel Mark)**:



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1234 = identification no. of the Notified Body
YY/YYYY = year of labeling

Current information and warning notices can be found on our web site.

Do you have questions?
Did you notice doubtful products with the wheel-mark?
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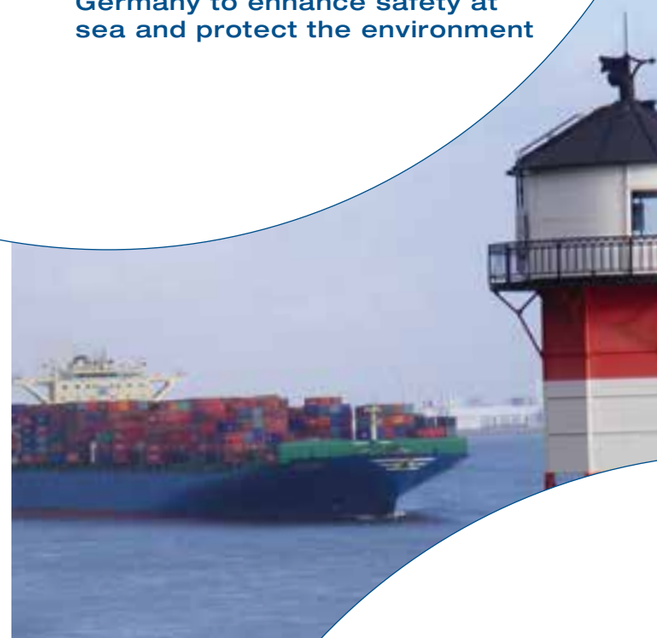
Market Surveillance

Inspection of marine equipment in Germany to enhance safety at sea and protect the environment



Market Surveillance

The BSH is the competent authority for market surveillance of marine equipment and notifying Conformity Assessment Bodies based on the European Marine Equipment Directive (MED) in Germany. Since 18. September 2016, this is the Directive 2014/90/EU.

In principle, the MED applies to all merchant vessels flying the flag of an European member state and operating in international trade. Together with the current implementing act of the European Commission, it contains an overview of the marine equipment requiring approval as well as uniform rules for the application of the corresponding international standards. This marine equipment must be approved by a Notified Body in accordance with a conformity assessment procedure before it can be used on board a ship.

The MED also contains further requirements, for example:

- A non-EU manufacturer needs an authorised representative in the EU.
- The Declaration of Conformity (DoC) must be carried on board.
- Manufacturers are obliged to provide product samples to the market surveillance upon request or to grant access to product samples on site at the manufacturer`s own cost.

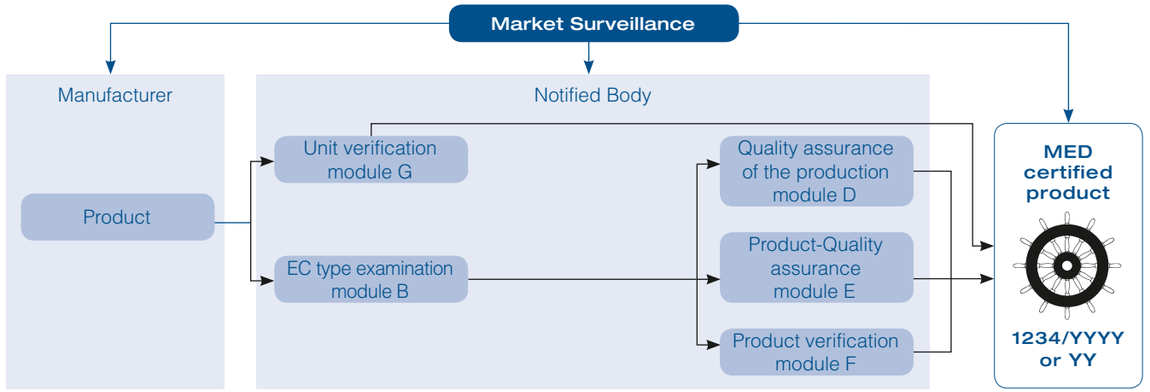
The application of uniform rules throughout Europe as part of the approval procedure is intended to prevent differences in the implementation of the standards and thus guarantees a uniform level of safety.

It also aims to improve competitive conditions for the maritime industry and remove technical restrictions to trade.

It is the task of the Market Surveillance Authority to ensure through inspections that the formal and technical requirements of the MED are met by the approved marine equipment.

As the notifying authority, the BSH is also responsible for notifying and monitoring the German Conformity Assessment Bodies.

The purpose of all measures is to improve safety at sea and prevent pollution of the marine environment while simultaneously ensuring harmonized competition conditions.



Tasks

- Protection of the market against non-conforming products
- Technical verification of conformity assessment procedures according to the MED requirements in the following areas:
  1. Life-saving equipment
  2. Marine pollution prevention equipment
  3. Fire protection equipment
  4. Navigation equipment
  5. Radiocommunication equipment
  6. Equipment required under COLREG 72
  7. Other safety equipment
  8. SOLAS Chapter II-1 equipment
- Information for users on non-conforming products, recalls and returns, etc.
- Ensuring harmonised conditions of competition
- Involvement of the European Commission and implementation of its decisions
- Designation and Notification of German Conformity Assessment Bodies
- Supervising the German Notified Bodies

Actions and measures

- Examination of approval documents (certificates, declaration of conformity)
- Examination of technical documentation (e.g. test reports)
- Commissioning of own tests or expert opinions
- Sample checks (possibly at the expense of the manufacturer)
- Ordering measures, depending on the individual case:
  Arrangement of formal corrective actions
  - Verification of technical conformity
  - Prohibition of placement on the market
  - Ordering a recall
  - Decommissioning of products

  These measures may be addressed to: Manufacturers, authorised representatives, importers and distributors.
- Supervision of conformity assessment bodies in Germany and, where applicable, restriction, suspension and revocation of notifications
- Enforcement of administrative offence proceedings