

## MSN 1905 FAQs

### **WHAT IS MSN 1905?**

MSN 1905 is a new regulation set out by The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) that will replace MSN 1768.

The regulation details the minimum requirements for medical stores onboard vessels.

Yachts that were required to meet the MSN 1768 standard will now have to meet the new requirements.

### **WHAT HAS CHANGED?**

The updates bring medical supplies onboard more in line with medical best practice, introducing additional medication and equipment to your onboard medical kit.

A few additions include:

- ▶ **Pulse oximeter:** a device that uses a finger to measure pulse and oxygen saturation
- ▶ **Tranexamic Acid:** medication extensively used in the military to control bleeding
- ▶ **Intraosseous device:** places a needle into the bone to deliver IV fluids and medications quickly, with minimal training, with a higher chance of success to traditional IVs
- ▶ **Trauma tourniquet**
- ▶ **Rapid Malaria tests**

### **WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MY VESSEL?**

The new rules and regulations mean that you may have to update the contents of your medical kit.

Depending on how your kit provider and the age of your medical kit, the changes could be substantial.

For MedAire customers, the good news is that many of the new medications have existed for several years in our standard kit solution. Additionally, many clients have taken our advice to supplement their onboard supplies with items such as pulse oximeters already.

### **WHEN DO I NEED TO COMPLY BY?**

Any yachts categorised under MCA vessel category A or B will need to meet the compliance regulations by March 2022, or before their Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) certificate expires, whichever is sooner.

### **WHAT DOES MEDAIRE THINK ABOUT THE NEW REGULATIONS?**

We're happy to see the regulations become more aligned with current medical best practice and also reaffirm the need for the supplementary items we have been recommending to our customers.

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### **WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO BE AWARE OF?**

A few of the regulations are more specific or defined than before and these include:

- ▶ Captain's duty of care: to protect the health and safety of crew, minimise risk of infection and provide preventive measure such as vaccination (as a result of COVID-19, this is now perhaps even more pertinent).
- ▶ It is recommended that medical advice and supplies are obtained where possible from medically qualified individuals and/or companies experienced and knowledgeable in the supply to the maritime industry.

### **WHAT STEPS DO I NEED TO TAKE NOW?**

#### **KNOW YOUR COMPLIANCE DATE**



Check when your existing MLC certificate expires, as this will effect the date you have to be compliant by.

You will have to meet the compliance regulations by March 2022 unless your Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) certificate expires before that date.

#### **CONSULT MEDAIRE OR YOUR MEDICAL KIT PROVIDER**



If you're a MedAire customer, we will be updating our standard offering in line with the new requirements and will be communicating shortly to clients how and when they can replenish their existing kits in order to comply with the new regulations.

#### **MAKE SURE YOUR CREW ARE AWARE OF THE CHANGES**



If necessary, make sure to arrange a training session for your crew members, to make sure they're aware of the changes and able to use any new equipment or medication.