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SMALL-SIZED VESSELS REGISTRATION

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The procedure of registration of motor boats, cutters, yachts and other small-sized vessels is determined by Regulations of registration, control and technical supervision for vessels supervised by the State Inspection for small-sized vessels, RSFSR dated March 11, 1985 No. 140 "On formation of state inspections for small-sized vessels in autonomous republics, regions, Moscow and Leningrad" approved by Order of the Ministry of Housing and Communal Facilities, RSFSR No. 140 dated March 11, 1985 with amendments and supplements introduced by Order of the Ministry of Nature, RF No. 456 dated November 08, 1995, as well as by the Regulations on the use of water objects for navigation on small-sized vessels in Primorsky Region approved by Resolution of the Governor of Primorsky Region No. 196 dated April 24, 1998.

In accordance with the provisions of the present normative and legal acts small-sized_vessels are to be registered in the State Small-Sized Vessels Inspection of the Russian Federation (SSSVI).

Small-sized vessels are to be understood as the vessels (owned by individuals and legal entities) of gross tonnage of more than 80 register tons, passenger capacity of 12 and less persons, with main engines of less than 55 kW (55 hp) or with outboard motors irrespective of their power as well as rowing boats (owned by citizens) of load-carrying capacity of more than 100 kg, kayaks – more than 150 kg and inflatable vessels - more than 225 kg.

Besides, small-sized vessels include water-motorcycles that recently has become widely spread. The owner of a small-sized vessel must register it within 10 days since its purchasing.

The owner should submit the following set of documents:

for individuals:

1. Document identifying the ship-owner or his authorized representative.
2. TIN (taxpayer identification number) (if available).
3. Purchase contract (bill-contract, certificate-bill and others) that shall contain the seller's name, cost of the goods, customer's name, vessel's certificate with the mark of a trade organization where the following parameters¹ shall be stated:
 - type and model;
 - construction (work's) number;
 - year and place of construction ;
 - production technique;
 - material;
 - length, width and depth;
 - freeboard;
 - passenger capacity;
 - load-carrying capacity;

¹ In order to register a vessel with the engine it is necessary to provide the engine certificate with the mark of a trade organization (the engine can not be registered without the vessel). The certificate shall contain: type, power, and work's number.

- sail area;
 - navigation area (terms), allowable waive height and distance from coast.
4. Receipt for registration.

In the event of registration **in change of the owner** it is necessary to provide:

1. National passport.
2. TIN.
3. Notarized purchase contract or deed of a gift or ownership certificate.
4. Vessel's certificate of the former owner with the note of deletion from the register.
5. Receipt for registration.

In the event of registration of **individual construction vessels** it is necessary to provide the following documents:

1. National passport.
2. TIN.
3. Vessel's initial technical inspection certificate with the state inspector's report on recognition of vessel's seaworthiness.
4. Purchase receipts for materials used while constructing.
5. Receipt for registration.

If the vessel is owned by **a legal entity** it is necessary to provide:

1. Guarantee letter with bank requisites (TIN and ОКБЭД (All-Russian Classifier of Foreign Economic Activity) code are obligatory).
2. Balance-holder certificate with names of the vessel's type, model, engine and their work's numbers, cost and place of purchasing.
3. Vessel's technical certificate.
4. Engine technical certificate.
5. Card-application of a standard pattern certified by organization seal.
6. Power of attorney.
7. Order of assignment of the person responsible for vessel's operation.

It is necessary to note that the legislation of the Russian Federation provides responsibility for non-fulfillment of the requirements for registration of small-sized vessels. In accordance with item 2 of article 11.7 of the Code of Administrative Violations, RF, breach of the regulation concerning the registration of the small-sized vessel involves the administrative fine at the rate of five to ten minimum labor payment sizes or deprivation of the right to ship to control for the period of up to one year.