

Ship Sanitation Control / Exemption Certificates

Legal Requirement

The Public Health (Ships) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2007 came into force on the 1st August 2007. These regulations implement the requirements of the International Health Regulations 2005.

The master of a ship which, during its voyage has been to a foreign port, will be asked to produce a valid sanitation certificate. If a valid certificate can not be produced a port health officer may inspect the ship for evidence of danger to public health or infection with a view to issuing a ship sanitation certificate.

Ship Sanitation Certificates

There are two types of Ship Sanitation Certificates:

- Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate
- Ship Sanitation Control Certificate

Cardiff Port Health Authority is authorised to issue both these certificates.

Issuing of either certificate will involve a detailed inspection to ensure the ship poses no danger to public health and has controls in place to prevent the spread of illness.

If the inspection reveals no evidence of a risk to public health, a Ship Sanitation Control Exemption Certificate will be issued which will be valid for 6 months.

Should evidence be found of a public health risk a Ship Sanitation Control Certificate will be issued outlining the control measures required to protect public health.

During the inspection you will be asked to provide details of when your potable water was lasted microbiologically tested.

Ship Sanitation Inspection Charges (2015)

The Ships Sanitation Inspection Charges effective 1st April 2015 are set by the Association of Port Health Authorities and are shown below:

Gross Tonnage	Charge (£) VAT exempt
Up to 1000	76
Up to 1001 to 3000	112
3,001 – 10,000	172
10,001-20,000	228
20,001-30,000	290
Over 30,000	345
Extension	50

With the exception of:

Vessels with the capacity to carry between 50 and 1000 persons - £345
Vessels with the capacity to carry more than 1000 persons - £595

Extra charges may be added for exceptional costs such as launch hire, length journeys to the port or laboratories, out of hour visits and samples taken

Requests & contact details

Requests for Sanitation Certificates should be made to Cardiff Port Health Authority

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Email porthealth@cardiff.gov.uk

Contact: Cardiff Port Health Authority

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