

What Else Are We Doing?

Our additional services

- IMCI has a subsidiary in the United Kingdom in Liverpool. **IMCI (UK)** is authorised to issue  certificates for products that comply with the UK Recreational Craft Regulations.
- Certification of components in the recreational boating industry in accordance with  standards
- Watercraft inspections on behalf of the  ensure that the vessel complies with their Boat & Yacht Certification Program based on **ABYC** standards. Craft with this certification exceed the legal USCG requirements in the USA.
- **ABYC** Component Certification Program to confirm that types of components fully comply with the current applicable **ABYC** standards
- Structural Plan Reviews under the **World Sailing** Offshore Special Regulations Scheme for offshore sailing yachts
- Certification of experts from the recreational boating industry
- **IMCI - Blue Star Marina**[®] certification for harbour operators and boaters who require an independent assessment of the quality level of marinas.

You Want To Export To ...

... The European Union,
... The United States
... The United Kingdom
... All!

You will need ...



certifications for your yachts, boats, and their components.

Go global with IMCI.

We're here for you every step of the way with professional and reliable support, right up to and beyond certification.

We're proud of the support we provide to our clients, from certification to beyond!



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DID YOU KNOW ... that **IMCI** is the leader in the field of **C**ertification in the recreational boating industry?

Put your trust in **IMCI**'s experience and expertise... more than 3.100 companies worldwide with more than 21.000 products have already!

...we **C**ertify the best.

IMCI Overview

The Institute

The **International Marine Certification Institute (IMCI)** was established in 1993 as an independent certification body and non-profit organisation in Belgium to serve the international recreational boating industry.

IMCI is notified to the European Commission under the Recreational Craft Directive and is currently the largest Notified Body in the world for CE certification of watercraft and their components.

IMCI's corporate structure is built on four pillars:

- 29 Board Members from 5 continents
- Over 50 Inspectors from more than 20 different countries
- Partner of numerous test laboratories
- Highly motivated employees with the head office in Brussels, the heart of the EU

Due to Belgian authorities' rigorous control, a consistently high standard of quality, cost efficiency and continuous transparency is guaranteed in all processes.

Why CE?

The Recreational Craft Directive (RCD)

The Directive 2013/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 November 2013 on recreational craft and personal watercraft (RCD) was adopted in the context of establishing the EU internal market in order to harmonise safety characteristics of watercraft in all EU Member States and to remove obstacles to trade in recreational craft, personal watercraft and their components and engines between Member States.

Watercraft and their components and engines sold in the EU must comply with the technical safety and environmental requirements and meet the administrative obligations defined by the RCD.

These safety and environmental requirements relate to both the design and construction of the craft, and includes specific limit values for its exhaust and noise emissions. Some components of the craft also fall within the scope of the requirements.

The RCD requires manufacturers to keep a technical file of all relevant data and officially declare the conformity of their products. A CE marking must be affixed to the product and users must be provided with detailed information about safety and maintenance.

The CE Process

What is the certification process?

A product can only be CE-marked once it has successfully undergone assessment by **IMCI**.

To achieve this, **IMCI**

- checks the relevant technical files, and
- physically inspects the majority of products.

The inspections are carried out by CE Inspectors of **IMCI** at the manufacturer's facilities.

The Inspector works closely with **IMCI** headquarters in Belgium, which issues the CE certificate once a positive assessment has been made. Once the manufacturers have completed these steps, they can issue their Declaration of Conformity and affix the CE-marking.

What is covered by the RCD?

- Recreational craft between 2.5 and 24 m hull length
- Personal watercraft
- Used and converted watercraft
- Marine components
- Marine engines