







## **EU REGULATION NOW OFFICIAL**

The new EU Regulation became official the 30th of December – 2013. This means all vessels with an EU flag and all vessels entering an EU port needs an updated IHM on board their vessels at all times.

The regulation will apply to ships at the earliest 2 years and at the latest 5 years after its entry into force, the eventual date depending upon when the recycling capacity of facilities on the EU list exceeds a threshold of 2.5 million light displacement tons.

## OTHER REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD OBTAIN YOUR IHM ASAP:

- Mandatory: Obligated maintenance for all vessels with an existing IHM
- Reducing Risks: Be prepared for unannounced inspections which can lead to detentions
- **Responsibility**: Create awareness and safeguard your crew and passengers. Avoid compensation claims by crew members
- **Control:** An IHM safeguards the shipyard and shipowners. A claim goes directly to the responsible part (supplier 1, 2, 3)
- Avoid or consider claims: Forward the liability question to the responsible part
- Be a leader: Make your staff familiar with the legal requirements
- Be served in time: There will be an obvious "bottleneck"
- **Image**: Be a role model for your industry and use this as a competitive advantage. Protect your image by showing responsibility for crew, passengers and recyclers
- Keep your assets: Identify reasons for reduction of value for your vessels.
  Avoid contamination of your ship, and make others pay for "pollution" and clean-up of your ships

Maintenance according to IMO and EU regulations. Shipowners are often let to themselves after receiving the IHM documentation with few or none options to maintain it. Metizoft gives you the solution!

