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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Usage of Belgium and Dutch registered recreational craft for Maritime Tourism Activities</b>
<b>To:</b>	Owners, Boat renting companies, Tour Operators and Recreational Sailsman and Skippers

## 1. OBJECTIVE

1.1 With the advertisement of the information hereunder presented in this Circular we pretend to raise awareness to all owners, boat renting companies, tour operators, recreational sailsman and skippers, of the restrictions imposed by the Maritime Administrations of Belgium and Netherlands to the usage of pleasure crafts in profit-oriented activities - maritime tourism activity.

1.2 Upon coming to notice of the Portuguese Maritime Administration, DGRM informs all recipients of this Circular that, after 01.02.2017 it will be no longer possible to accept any applications related to Maritime Tourism Activities of recreational crafts registered in any of the above mentioned countries, and this rule applies to all Portuguese territory.

## 2. DUTCH REGISTERED PLEASURE CRAFT

With the recent changes observed in Dutch legislation relating recreational and pleasure craft, the Portuguese Maritime Administration (DGRM) looked forward their publishing in the Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate official website, and it was found out that craft registered as “*Pleasure Craft*” are not allowed to perform profit-oriented activities (maritime tourism).

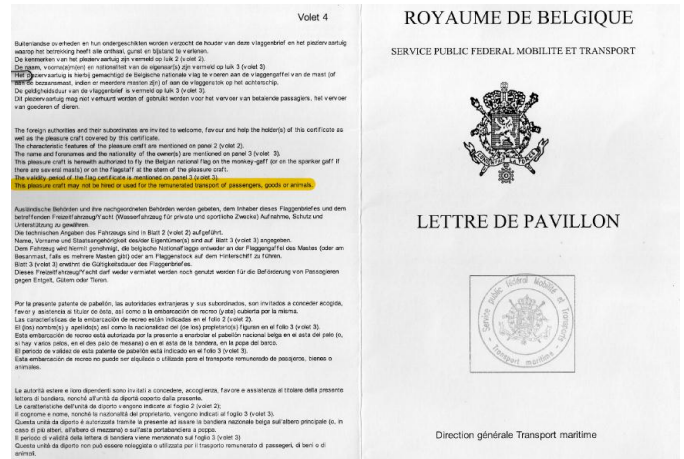
This same information can also be obtained from the “*Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate*”, at [https://www.ilent.nl/english/merchant\\_shipping/ships\\_registration/types\\_of\\_vessels/](https://www.ilent.nl/english/merchant_shipping/ships_registration/types_of_vessels/), and any contact for clarification of this situations should be addressed directly to the Dutch Authorities, as described in the main page of their website.

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### 3. BELGIUM REGISTERED PLEASURE CRAFT

It came also to the knowledge of DGRM that Belgium pleasure craft, are also restrained as for the usage in profit-oriented activities. This relevant information, which is printed in the flag certificate (*Lettre de Pavillon*), as shown in the attached picture, has been highlighted, and reproduced enlarged for an easier reading.



there are several masts) or on the flagstaff at the stem of the pleasure craft.  
The validity period of the flag certificate is mentioned on panel 3 (volet 3).  
This pleasure craft may not be hired or used for the remunerated transport of passengers, goods or animals.

This same information can also be obtained from the SPF Mobilite et Transport at <http://mobilit.belgium.be>, and any contact for clarification of this situations should be addressed directly to the Belgian Authorities, as described in the main page of their website.

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