

**U.S. / European Community**  
**Mutual Recognition Agreement on Marine**  
**Equipment**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

<b>QUESTIONS</b>	<b>ANSWERS</b>
<b>What is the MRA?</b>	<b>The MRA is an agreement between the US and the EC that allows reciprocal approvals to be given by both the US and EC for certain marine products.</b>
<b>How will the MRA impact the Maritime industry?</b>	<b>Manufactures will be able to obtain both USCG and EC approval of their product through only one approval process. This will reduce the bureaucratic hardship of manufactures and promote increased trade between the US and the EC.</b>
<b>Who do I contact to ask questions concerning the MRA?</b>	<b>Forward all questions concerning the MRA to:</b>  <b>Mail: Commandant USCG (G-MSE-4) 2100 Second St S.W. Washington, DC 20593</b> <b>Phone: 1 202 267-1444</b> <b>Fax: 1 202 267-1069</b> <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:Kevin.Y.Pekarek@uscg.mil">Kevin.Y.Pekarek@uscg.mil</a></b>

<p><b>How do I obtain approval of my product under the MRA?</b></p>	<p><b>Please review <a href="#">NVIC 8-04</a> and if you have any additional questions contact G-MSE-4.</b></p>
<p><b>My product has a USCG Approval Number but it is not listed in Annex II of the MRA can it still receive the EC Wheelmark under the MRA?</b></p>	<p><b>NO. Only equipment that is listed under Annex II can be approved under the MRA.</b></p>
<p><b>Will there be an opportunity to include equipment or products not currently listed in Annex II?</b></p>	<p><b>YES. There is a provision within the MRA for the US and the EC to review additional equipment or products for inclusion within Annex II.</b></p>
<p><b>The equipment has the EC Wheelmark but no USCG Approval Numbers. Can I install this on board my US Flagged ship?</b></p>	<p><b>NO. Only equipment approved under the MRA that have both the Wheelmark and a USCG Approval Number can be installed on board a US Flagged vessel.</b></p>
<p><b>I have a domestic US Flagged passenger vessel. Can I purchase equipment approved by the EC IAW the MRA?</b></p>	<p><b>YES. Marine equipment that receives an appropriate USCG Approval Number by an EC Notified Body IAW the MRA can be installed on board domestic US Flagged vessels.</b></p>
<p><b>The equipment is not listed in Annex II of the MRA can it receive both</b></p>	<p><b>NO. Only equipment that is listed under Annex II can be approved under the MRA.</b></p>

<p><b>the Wheelmark and USCG Approval Number?</b></p>	
<p><b>Who do I contact if a MRA approved equipment has failed or I consider it as not meeting the approval standard?</b></p>	<p><b>For US flagged vessels or foreign flagged vessels located or operating within US territorial seas contact the nearest Coast Guard Marine Safety Office or USCG Headquarters G-MSE-4.</b></p>
<p><b>Where can I find information on MRA approved equipment?</b></p> <p>-</p>	<p><b>For equipment approved under the MRA by the USCG:</b>  <a href="http://cgmix.uscg.mil/Equipment/">http://cgmix.uscg.mil/Equipment/</a></p> <p><b>For equipment approved under the MRA by the EC: <a href="http://www.mared.org">www.mared.org</a></b></p> <p><b>Due to the lag time between product approval and the listing of the product on the above webpages vessel owners and operators are encourage to contact the manufactures to inquire if their equipment has been approved under the MRA.</b></p>