

Regulation (EU) No. 1257/2013 on ship recycling

The Regulation (EU) No. 1257/2013:

- is aimed at facilitating early ratification of the **Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009** (which will enter into force on 26 June 2025) within the Union by applying proportionate controls to ships and ship recycling facilities on the basis of that Convention. Because the Union itself cannot accede, Member States are authorised by Council Decision 2014/241/EU to ratify or accede to the Convention.
- prohibits or restricts hazardous materials as specified in Annex I (Asbestos, Ozone-depleting substances, Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB), Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), Anti-fouling compounds and systems).
- imposes the requirement that every ship has to have on board an **inventory of the hazardous materials** listed in **Annex II** it contains in either its structure or equipment
- lays down rules on the recycling of the ship. Before a ship is recycled, its owner must provide the company carrying out the work with specific information about the vessel and prepare a **ship recycling plan**. This, for instance, identifies the **type and number of hazardous materials and waste that will be generated** from the obsolete vessel.
- stipulates that recycling may only take place at facilities listed on the **EU List of facilities**, which was launched by Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2016/2323 (consolidated Text). The facilities may be located in the EU or in non-EU countries. They must comply with a series of requirements related to workers' safety and environmental protection.

The regulation entered into force on 31 December 2018.

ANNEX II: LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE INVENTORY OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1. Any hazardous materials listed in Annex I
2. Cadmium and Cadmium Compounds
3. Hexavalent Chromium and Hexavalent Chromium Compounds
4. Lead and Lead Compounds
5. Mercury and Mercury Compounds
6. Polybrominated Biphenyl (PBBs)
7. Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)
8. Polychlorinated Naphthalenes (more than 3 chlorine atoms)
9. Radioactive Substances
10. Certain Shortchain Chlorinated Paraffins (Alkanes, C10-C13, chloro)
11. Brominated Flame Retardant (HBCDD)