

## HIGH SPEED INFLATABLE AND SEMI-RIGID VESSELS

Royal Decree-Law 16/2018, of October 26, 2018 (BOE 27 & 1

Royal Decree-Law "16/2018, of October 26, adopts a series of **prohibitions and limitations of use** in relation to high-speed inflatable and semi-rigid boats, as a measure to combat the illicit trafficking of persons and goods.

Specifically, it establishes that those who intend to carry out manufacturing, repair, alteration, circulation, possession or trade activities, as well as navigation at any point in inland waters, Spanish territorial sea or contiguous zone, must be previously registered in the **Registry of Operators of High Speed Pneumatic and Semi-Rigid Vessels** and request an **application for authorization of use of the vessel**.



### What are the consequences of non-compliance?

It will imply that the vessels are considered as **prohibited generators** in accordance with the provisions of Organic Law 12/1995, of December 12, 1995, on the repression of smuggling.



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## TYPES OF VESSELS

### Which vessels are affected by the rule?

The pneumatic and semi-rigid boats susceptible to be used for maritime navigation that fulfill some of the following characteristics:

≤ 8 m



Those whose hull, including the pneumatic structure, if any, is less than or equal to 8 meters overall length, and have a maximum power, regardless of the number of engines, equal to or greater than 150 kilowatts.

>8m

Those whose hull, including the pneumatic structure, if any, is greater than 8 meters overall length.



## OBLIGATED USERS

### Who are obliged to register in the Registry of Operators?

Those who own the above mentioned vessels and use them for any of the following activities:

SALVAMENTO

Those that are involved in rescue and maritime assistance and that are not expressly exempted from registration according to the regulations.

NAVIGATION

Those used for inland navigation on lakes, rivers and waters outside Spanish maritime areas.

ACTIVITIES

Those used for the exercise of business, sports, research or training activities.

RECREO

Recreational vehicles for private use that meet the regulatory requirements established in safety, technical and commercialization matters.

The obligation does not affect auxiliary vessels that are effectively and exclusively affected to the service of a main vessel. The rule establishes other exceptions for public use or by international organizations.



## REGISTRATION MODE

### How do I comply with the registration obligations set forth in the regulations?

As of **04/27/2019**, ALL USERS OBLIGATED vessels must be registered and have applied for authorization of use for each of the vessels affected by the regulations.

Both applications must be made MANDATORY. ONLY from the electronic headquarters of the AEAT, within the procedures created for the "Registry of High Speed Vessel Operators" (one application for each operator) and "Authorization for the use of high speed vessels" (one application for each vessel).



To facilitate the processing of applications, a guide is available in the "information and assistance" section.

Applications may be submitted by the interested party with NIF/CIF/NIE or through a representative resident in Spain, in both cases it is necessary to use an electronic certificate, electronic DNI or CI@ve PIN. In the case of non-residents in Spain, the application must be made by a representative resident in Spain.



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