

(Translation. Only the Faroese version has legal validity)

Executive Order No. 105 of 15 July 2019 on requirements for operators of engine-driven pleasure craft with a hull length below 4 metres

(Executive order on operators of personal watercrafts)

Under the provisions in section 8 subsection 5, section 10 subsection 2 and section 24, subsection 3 in Parliamentary Act No. 63 of 3 July 1998 on the Manning of Ships, section 2 subsection 5, section 7, section 15 subsection 2, section 31 and section 49 subsection 2 in Parliamentary Act No. 165 of 21 December 2001 on Safety at Sea and in consultation with the Faroese Maritime Authority, the following shall be laid down:

Section 1. This executive order stipulates qualification requirements and requirements for operating personal watercraft, air-cushion vessel and other similar vessels that have been constructed for being operated by persons sitting or standing on the hull.

Section 2. Operators of vessels mentioned in section 1 shall:

- 1) have turned 16 years of age, and
- 2) have acquired a certificate for the operation of personal watercraft from an approved course provider.

Section 3. When operating the vessel comprised by section 1, the operator shall have on his person the certificate required in section 2. The certificate shall be presented to the Faroese Maritime Authority, the police or other supervisory authority upon request.

Section 4. Each person who operates vessel mentioned in section 1, shall carry life jacket and shall wear an appropriate wetsuit.

Subsection 2. If the wetsuit is inflatable as well as the lifejacket, it is not a requirement to carry life jacket.

Section 5. Municipalities or other authorities authorised to lay down further regulations on operating on waters or lakes in their areas, may apply to the Faroese Maritime Authority that a specific area of the municipality may be exempted from the requirements in this executive order for a specified period of time.

Section 6. Violation of sections 2-4 shall be punished by fine.

Subsection 2. Companies and other legal persons shall incur criminal liability under the regulations in chapter 5 of the Faroese Penal Code.

Section 7. This executive order shall enter into force the day after it has been promulgated.

Subsection 2. Section 2 No. 2 enters into force 1 January 2021.

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