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HISWA Association is the umbrella organization for the Holland Yachting Industry and represents 1200 companies.

Flying the Dutch Flag for *Superyachts*





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Holland leads the way in creating the finest quality superyachts in the world. Now you can also benefit from having your yacht built to technical regulations that take fully into account the unique requirements of modern superyachts.

An all-in-one solution

The new statutory rules for 'Commercial Cruising Vessels' (CCV) offer a one-stop solution for yachts of 24 metres or over in load length. This total package includes construction, safety standards, commercial exploitation, manning, and advantageous registration under the Dutch flag. You also enjoy highly competitive taxation arrangements, fully approved under Dutch law.

Safety First

The CCV code includes the statutory part, which are a set of safety regulations plus certain operational and crew training issues, made up by the Dutch Shipping Inspectorate, and class issues which focus on rules relating to construction and

maintenance.

The most common statutory code was MCA, which is why so many yachts currently fly the British Ensign flag. The Dutch CCV solution offers a genuine flag alternative plus a wealth of other benefits.

Customised to superyachts

Using all the experience of the Dutch yachting industry, the CCV rules were custom-designed for an industry that builds customised products. Special features include allowing up to 36 passengers on sailing yachts and an air of realism in matters of risk analysis, especially where fire safety is concerned. The crucial flexibility to be able to adapt to changing circumstances has also been built into the CCV code.

Registration and taxation

The CCV code allows you to profit from a fiscal regime equal to that for commercial seagoing vessels. This includes exemption from VAT on the purchase of your yacht, on



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services provided by the shipping company to customers using the yacht. Income tax and social security rates are also subject to a special regime.

The new CCV rules are straightforward in legal terms, ensuring you a clear position with regard to home port and flag. Yacht operation companies that are normally based 'offshore' can now be established in the Netherlands, offering all the benefits of operating inside the world's yachtvalley without having to pay a high fiscal price.

Crew matters

To operate as commercial seagoing vessels, yachts must conform to a number of (IMO) regulations, such as the STCW code for crew. A new training programme for superyacht managers, technical & service staff, and crew members has been set up by a renowned maritime institutes in the Netherlands.

Registration under the CCV rules will be open to yachts built anywhere in the world and to owners of all nationalities

Designed with you in mind

The new CCV code was developed on instigation of HISWA Association, together with the Dutch Government, Register Holland and the Netherlands Shipbuilding Industry Association, supported by the Dutch Maritime Network.



From: Holland Yachtbouw

Various consultants in the technical and registration arena contributed to this joint initiative and a great deal of input was received from leading players in the yacht building, design, naval architecture and equipment manufacturing sectors.

The Dutch CCV code offers you:

- A safety code customised to the unique nature of superyachts
- A one-stop shop for construction, registration and crew
- All taxation issues resolved
- A clear operating model
- Operation of your yacht by professionals
- Flying the Dutch flag

