



## SPECIAL REGISTRY OF HIGH SPEED RIBs (Rigid Inflatable Boats) and RHIBs (Rigid – Hulled Inflatable Boats) OPERATORS

16/2018 Royal Decree - Law of October 26 (BOE 27/10/18)

The 16/2018 Royal Decree – Law, 26th October, adopts a series of **prohibitions/restrictions and limitations** of use in relation to high RIBs and RHIBs, as a measure to combat the illicit smuggling and trafficking of people and goods.

In particular it establishes that those with the intention of carrying out activities relating to the manufacture, repair, reform, circulation, possession or trade, as well as navigation through any point of the internal/inland waters, Spanish territorial sea or contiguous zone, must be previously registered in the **Registry of Operators of High Speed Inflatable and Semi-rigid Boats, RIBs and RHIBs** and submit for each vessel affected by this regulation **an application for authorization to use the vessel**.



**What consequences does the non-compliance of this rule have?**

It will imply that the vessels are considered **prohibited/restricted goods** in accordance with the provisions set out on Organic Law 12/1995, 12th December, on the fight against contraband/smuggling.



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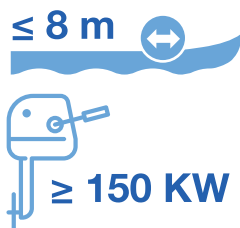
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## TYPES OF VESSELS

### Which vessels are affected by the regulation?

Those RIBs and RHIBs, which may be used for maritime navigation that meet any of the following requirements:



Vessels from 8 metres or less hull length, including its pneumatic structure, Those, and have a maximum power, regardless of the number of engines, equal to or more than 150 kilowatts.



Vessels from 8 metres or more hull length, including the pneumatic structure.



## WHO ARE COMPELLED

### Who are required to register on the Registry of Operators?

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



#### RESCUE

Those destined to rescue and provide maritime assistance, which are not expressly exempt from registration according to the regulation.



#### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Those destined to commercial activities, sports, research or training activities.



#### PLEASURE

Those destined for private use that meet the regulatory requirements established in terms of safety, technical and marketing/trading requirements.



#### NAVIGATION

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

The obligation does not affect dinghies that are destined effectively and exclusively to the service of a main vessel. The regulation establishes other exceptions for public use, and others issued by international organizations.



## HOW TO REGISTER

### How do you comply with the registration obligations set out in the regulations?

Since **27/04/2019**, ALL OBLIGATED USERS 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 from the **AEAT's electronic office**, within the procedures created by the "Register of High Speed Boat Operators" (one application for each operator) and "Authorization for the use of high speed boats" (one application for each boat).



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

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



## MORE INFORMATION

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Register of Operators

Authorisation to use