

Fishing Vessel Licensing Policy

Replacement engine – EU vessels

1. This policy applies to EU licenced vessels.
2. A global ceiling for power measured in Kilowatts (kW) was established on 31 January 2020 for all EU licenced vessels. Except as noted in paragraph 9, approval will not be granted to replace a vessel's engine if it will lead to the global ceiling being exceeded.
3. Jersey Authorities must be advised of, and give approval to, all engine replacements before the vessel fishes in Jersey Waters with the new engine. Failure to do so is a breach of licence conditions, renders the licence invalid and may lead to further enforcement action.
4. An application for approval to use a replacement engine must be made through the standard SIA notification procedure. To avoid disruption to their fishing activities, vessel owners should not replace their engine until after approval has been granted.
5. The policy for vessels under 12 metres length overall (LOA) and for vessels that are 12 metres and over will differ to the extent set out below.

Vessels of 12 metres LOA and over.

6. A vessel's engine may be replaced with an engine that is less powerful than its existing engine, or one that is more powerful subject to a limit of 10% increase.
7. Any increase in power will usually be assessed against the original qualifying vessel, not a previous replacement.

Vessels under 12 metres LOA

8. Engines may be replaced subject to a maximum limit of 221 kW.

Time limited exception for engines of any size

9. Engines demonstrably replaced or where the replacement engine was commissioned between 1 Feb 2017 and 31 Dec 2020 are considered as 'exceptional cases' and replacements may exceed the global ceiling and are exempt from the policies mentioned in paragraphs 6 to 8.