

Isle of Man Ship Registry

Registry Advice Notice



OWNERSHIP OF MANX SHIPS BY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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Merchant Shipping (Limited Partnerships) (Relevant Countries) Regulations 1996 and Merchant Shipping (Limited Partnerships) (Relevant Countries) Regulations 2016 enable Limited Partnerships established in the Isle of Man and certain prescribed countries to register ships owned by them.

The following Documentation is required to be produced to the registrar in all cases prior to acceptance for registration as follows: -

- partnership name;
- names and residential addresses of the general partners;
- general nature of the business to be transacted;
- address of the principal place of business;
- date of commencement of the partnership; and
- proof of incorporation where applicable.

In the case of each of the Limited Partnerships established in the following countries, the following additional documentation is required: -

1. Belgium

The Type of Partnership: Commanditaire Vennootschap (CV)

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.



2. Bermuda

The name of the partnership must include Limited Partnership in full or LP at the end of its name.

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

3. Cayman Islands

The partnership must be Limited or Exempt Limited (LP).

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

4. Denmark

Type of Partnership: Kommanditselskab (KS)

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

5. Germany

Type of Partnership: Kommanditgesellschaft (KG)

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

6. Isle of Man

The partnership must be limited.

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

7. Netherlands

Type of Partnership: Commanditaire Vennootschap (CV)

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

8. Norway



Type of Partnership: Kommandittselskap (KS)

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

9. Sweden

Type of Partnership: Kommanditbolag (KB)

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

10. United Kingdom

a. England, Northern Ireland and Wales

The partnership must be limited.

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

b. Scotland

The partnership must be limited.

Documentary evidence from the companies registry.

An appropriate form is available from the Registrar for the purpose of providing the above information.

All documents with respect to ownership, change of ownership, mortgages, must be in the limited partnership name and show the shareholding of the ship as a ratio of 64 shares e.g.
- 64/64 shares total ownership, 32/64 shares partial ownership.

11. Malta

Documentary evidence from the companies registry

Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

