

Press release: ILO 188 Fishing convention

The MCA has launched a public consultation on measures which would address all aspects of living and working conditions on fishing vessels, including decent crew accommodation, work agreements, medical fitness of seafarers and medical care on board. Regular payment of wages or payment of another type in accordance with the fisherman's work agreement would also be required.

In particular, implementing the International Labour Organisation's Work in Fishing convention (ILO 188) would also give a framework for protecting all fishermen, regardless of their employment status.

Proposals have been prepared in consultation with representatives from the UK fishing federations, the Fisherman's Mission and Nautilus International.

Sir Alan Massey, chief executive of the MCA said: 'The UK ratified the ILO's Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC) in 2014 and there is evidence that the MLC is making a difference in improving the working lives of seafarers worldwide.

'Putting in place the Working in Fishing Convention would do the same for fishermen. We know there are concerns about the terrible conditions that some fishermen have been working in – sadly sometimes, even in the UK. We share those concerns as part of our commitment to safer lives and safer ships.

'One of the most important reasons for bringing in ILO 188 is to prevent mistreatment of any sort on board, by setting out – and enforcing – the minimum standards we expect for living and working conditions for all fishermen.'

Maritime Minister John Hayes said: 'Fishermen across the UK often brave cold and dangerous seas to bring home their much-needed catches.

'We have a rightful duty to improve the living and working standards for these men and women who play an important role in our maritime sector and nation.

'This industry-wide consultation will enshrine better employment conditions into UK law and help ensure that all fishermen have a fair and safe working environment.'

The Consultation closes on 12 January 2018. To see the consultation package in full please follow the link below:

[Implementation of the ILO Work in Fishing Convention 2007 \(ILO 188\) into UK Law](#)

Notice: Powering Past Coal Alliance declaration

Updated: 10 new states and cities added to the list of alliance partners.

Coal-fired power plants produce almost 40% of global electricity, and coal-fired power generation emits twice as much CO₂ as gas per unit of electricity, making carbon pollution from coal a leading contributor to climate change.

On 16 November 2017 an alliance committed to moving the world from burning coal to cleaner power sources [was launched](#) at COP23, the UN climate change talks.

This declaration sets out the commitments and lists the alliance partners.

Notice: EX14 3BL, Mr Adam Brown and Mrs Rachel Brown: environmental permit application advertisement

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Notice: DE7 4BG, Johnsons Aggregates and Recycling Limited: environmental permit application advertisement (EPR/MP3430AM/V003)

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Press release: UK Government introduces measure to safeguard water supply for England & Wales

Updated: Added translation

- UK and Welsh Governments introduce new water protocol for England and Wales
- Paves the way to remove the Secretary of State powers to intervene on water policy in Wales
- Protocol demonstrates how far we have come from the events of 52 years ago, which resulted in the flooding of the Tryweryn Valley
- Protocol will come into force on 1 April 2018

The UK Government has today laid before Parliament a water protocol for England and Wales which will safeguard water resources, water supply and water quality for consumers on both sides of the border.

Delivered jointly with the Welsh Government, this protocol meets a key

commitment made during the passage of the Wales Act 2017 and paves the way for the Secretary of State powers of intervention in relation to water to be repealed.

Under the Government of Wales Act 2006, the Secretary of State currently holds powers to intervene if he believes an Assembly Bill, or the exercise of a devolved function, risks having a serious adverse impact on water resources, water supply or water quality in England.

The protocol replaces these intervention powers with a reciprocal agreement between the UK and Welsh Governments.

Secretary of State for Wales Alun Cairns said:

The UK Government is today acting on its commitment to deliver a water protocol so that the interests of water consumers in Wales – and those in England – are protected.

From today onwards, no action or inaction by either the UK or Welsh Governments relating to water resources, water supply or water quality should have serious adverse impacts for consumers on either side of the border.

This protocol demonstrates how far we have come from the events of 52 years ago, which resulted in the flooding of the Tryweryn Valley. Today's agreement puts cross-border arrangements for water on a footing fit for the 21st century and underlines what can be achieved when two governments work together for Wales' future prosperity.

These are powers which affect the lives of everyone living in Wales and are a major step towards the clearer, stronger and fairer devolution settlement that the UK Government is putting in place for the people of Wales.

Environment Secretary Michael Gove said:

Across the UK we have a shared interest in protecting our environment and delivering a Green Brexit.

The new water protocol for England and Wales is an important part of this shared interest and will make sure water resources, supply and quality are safeguarded for consumers on both sides of the border.

We must all continue to work closely together on the environment, fisheries and agriculture as powers are returned from the European Union.

The intervention powers will be repealed when the new reserved powers model of devolution put in place by the Wales Act 2017 comes into effect on 1 April next year.

You can read the protocol [here](#).