
**LEYAL becomes the first non-European ship recycling facility
to join the EU List of approved facilities under
Regulation (EU) No. 1257/2013**

LEYAL, the leading ship recycling facility in Turkey, continues to set the standard by becoming the first non-European ship recycling facility to join the EU List of approved ship recycling facilities under the new European Ship Recycling Regulation 1257/2013. The Regulation will enter into force on 31/12/2018 and requires that all vessels flying a European flag to be recycled at facilities included in the EU List of approved facilities.

This new European Ship Recycling Regulation is currently regarded as the highest worldwide standard for the safe and environmentally sound recycling of ships and offshore units, which also includes in its scope the proper final disposal of hazardous materials.

EU Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Karmenu Vella said: *“The EU is committed to reducing the impact of EU shipping industry on the environment, including through better protection of environment and workers in ship recycling. The inclusion of the first yards located outside the EU is a major milestone and the recognition of very significant efforts and resources dedicated by the concerned yards towards this goal. The updated List will increase the recycling capacity of the European List, and give European ship owners a wider range of recycling options.”*

At the same time Dimitri Ayvatoglu, Head Special Projects & External Affairs at LEYAL, stated: *“We are once again proud to have achieved another major milestone in our continuous effort to offer the industry sustainable ship recycling options, both in relation to realizing significant asset values as well as with respect to safe and environmentally sound recycling operations. Being the first non-European ship recycling facility worldwide to accede to the EU List is a showcase of our high quality QHSE standards and a testament to our strong commitment to remain at the forefront of developments.”*

LEYAL has established a long and successful track record with a robust performance and depth of experience in *green recycling* over the past 37 years of continuous operation in Turkey, making it one of the most experienced ship recycling facilities worldwide. LEYAL's commitment towards safe and sustainable ship recycling is a continuous effort reflected in its day-to-day operating culture.

ABOUT LEYAL

Founded in 1981, LEYAL Group is the leading ship recycler in Turkey, with a long and successful track record spanning over 37 years of continuous operations and having recycled in excess of 1000 vessels since the early 1980s.

The facilities span an area of 60,000 m² with an annual capacity of 140,00 lightweight tons. LEYAL has extensive experience with the recycling of all types of vessels, ranging from FPSOs to Aircraft Carriers and from bulkers, tanker and containerships to submarines. Largest vessel recycled is a 48,000 lightweight VLCC converted FPSO.

LEYAL is an OECD based facility therefore also within the scope of the European Waste Shipment Regulation 1013/2006, under which it has recycled in excess of 50 European Navy vessels.

The ship recycling facilities are certified to an integrated QHSE management system specifically for ship recycling according to ISO30000, ISO9001, ISO14001 and OHSAS18001.

LEYAL is also certified by Lloyds Register both to the IMO Hong Kong Convention and to the EU Ship Recycling Regulation, as well as having been successfully vetted and contracted by Oil Majors such as Shell, Chevron and ENI.

LEYAL is a founding member and board member of the International Ship Recycling Association (ISRA), an international association of premier green recycling facilities based in the Hague, The Netherlands.

With its long history and highly skilled management team, LEYAL has extensive experience with helping high profile clients navigate through the maze of national, regional and international regulations on ship recycling and waste management.

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