

Marine Equipment Expert Group

The Marine Equipment Expert Group assists the European Commission in all questions related to Marine Equipment. More information is available [here](#).

ADCO MED

Unsafe and non-compliant marine equipment can put the lives of crews and passengers or the environment at risk. In order better ensure compliance, the new Marine Equipment Directive 2014/90/EU puts increased emphasis on market surveillance.

The EU Member States and the Commission have therefore set up an Administrative Co-operation Group for Market Surveillance (ADCO MED). The task of ADCO MED is to promote the exchange of experiences between Member State market surveillance authorities as well as best practices and joint enforcement activities.

MarED

MarED is the co-ordination group for the Notified Bodies assigned by the Member States to carry out the conformity assessment procedures referred to in the Marine Equipment Directive. The [MarED Website](#) contains more information about the MarED Group, Notified Bodies and the Marine Equipment Directive in general.

Statistics

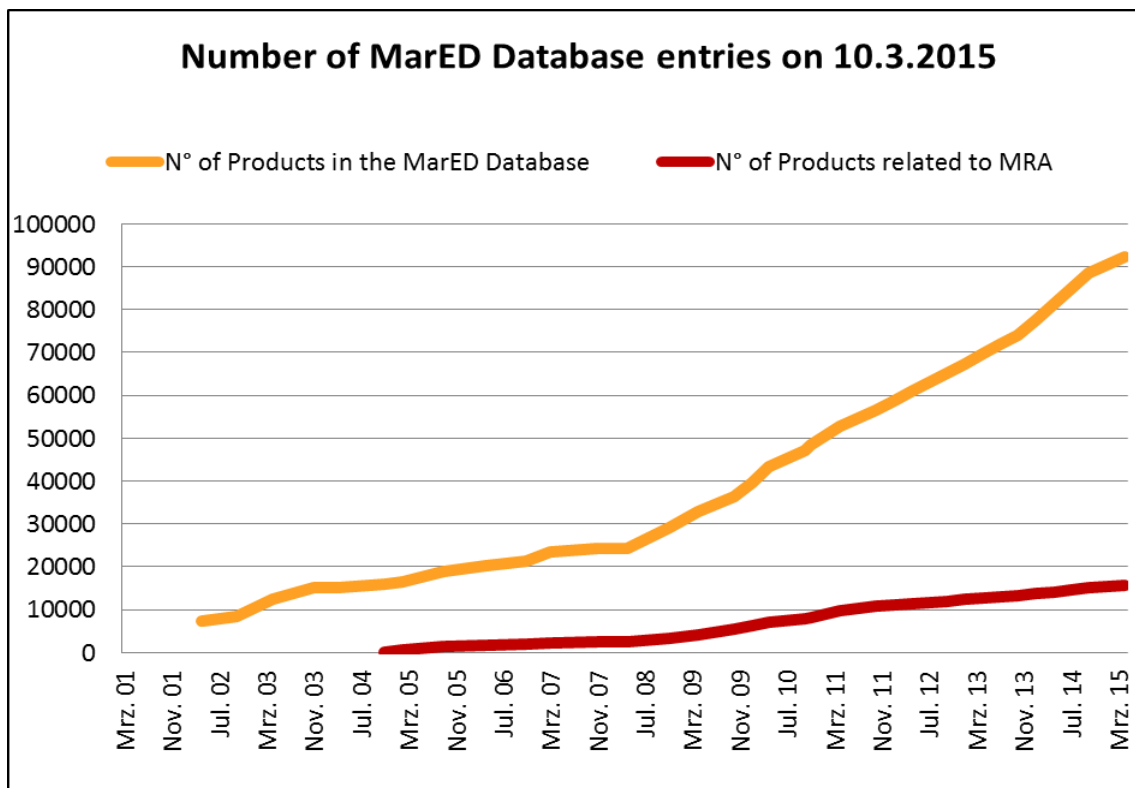


Figure 1: Number of entries in the MarED Product Database

Figure 1 illustrates the evolution of the number of wheel-marked marine equipment certified under Directive 96/98/EC since its entry into force, showing a constant increase reaching more than 90.000 different products in early 2015.

A similar trend is shown for equipment covered by the Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with US; since its entry into force in 2004 it now extends to 15.000 different products.

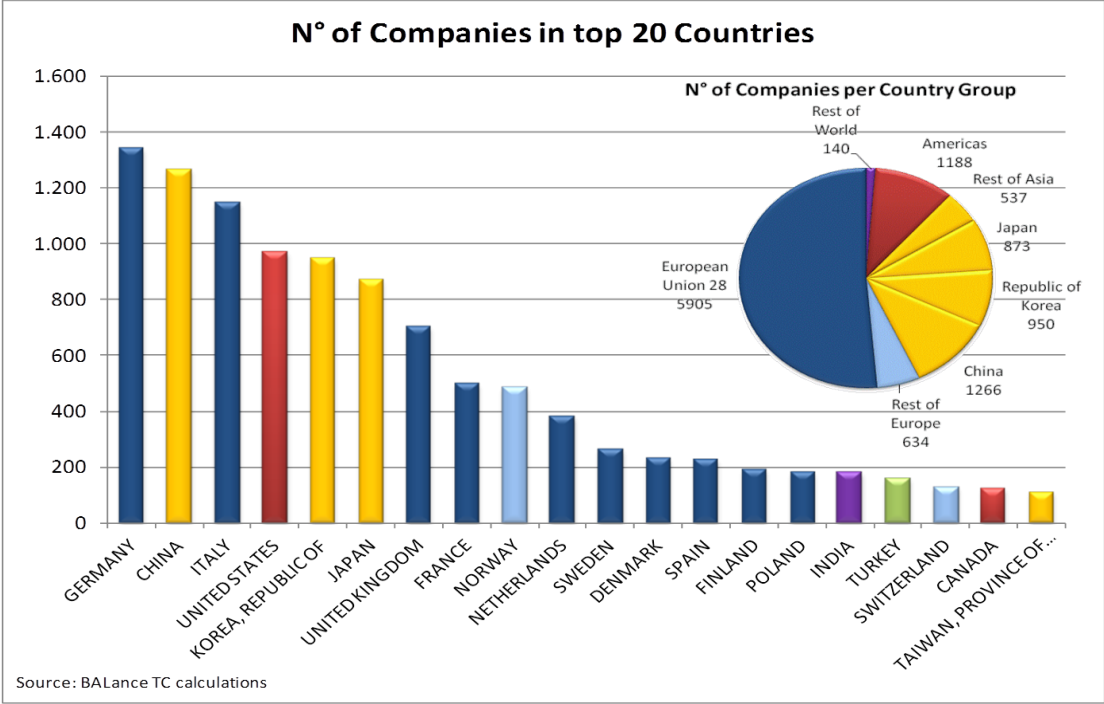


Figure 2: Number of companies with certificates for marine equipment worldwide

Figure 2 shows the top 20 countries with producers of wheelmarked products. Besides European countries, wheelmarking has become a common practice also in several non-EU countries such as China, Korea, Japan and US.