

Offshore Vessel Inspection Database (OVID)



What is OVID?

The Offshore Vessel Inspection Database (OVID), launched in January 2010, builds on OCIMF's experience with the SIRE programme to offer a system of inspection for offshore support vessels.

OVID provides a web-based inspection tool and database of inspection reports, underpinned by trained and accredited inspectors. This consistent, robust and up-to-date repository of vessel details simplifies vessel assurance for vessel operators, commissioners and government bodies. The *Offshore Vessel Management and Self Assessment (OVMSA)* gives operating companies a self assessment tool for safety management and a framework for the promotion of continuous improvement.

How does it work?

OCIMF member companies commission offshore vessel inspections and appoint an accredited OVID inspector to conduct an inspection. The inspector accesses the vessel particulars from the OVID and the appropriate Offshore Vessel Inspection (OVIQ), Small Craft Inspection (OVIQ Small Craft) or Mobile Offshore Drilling Unit (MODU) Inspection Questionnaires. The inspector conducts an on-board inspection of activities, ranging from several variants to establish the safe operation of the vessel's pollution prevention measures. The inspection report contributes to the member company's risk assessment in advance of charter.

The report is also uploaded to the OVID where, for a nominal fee, it can be accessed by registered companies who charter offshore vessels. OVID reports are free to government agencies engaged in port state control activities.

The benefits of OVID

OVID is helping to build a long-term picture of offshore vessel safety and environmental performance, assisting the industry-wide drive for safety and environmental performance improvements.

Experience with SIRE shows that the existence of an extensive database of credible inspection reports reduces the number of repeat inspections on the same offshore vessel, reducing the burden on a vessel's crew.

Assurance checks may be speeded up as assurance staff have instant access to credible information on a vessel and its safety performance.

A simple and consistent inspection process, together with a worldwide team of trained and accredited inspectors, increases confidence in the inspection report content.

Vessel operators can offer an up-to-date document showcasing their vessel's capabilities and providing a tool for pre-screening.

Offshore vessel owners who keep an active inspection on the database should see their pre-chartering process streamlined and reinforce their positive image with clients.

Examples of vessels covered

- **OVPQ operations:** accommodation/flotel; anchor handling; cable lay; crew boats; diving; dredging; drilling unit; DrillShip; ERRV/SBV; freighter; geotechnical survey; gravel/stone discharge; heavy lift; icebreaker; landing craft; MODU jack-up; oil recovery; pipelay; ROV operations; seismic survey; supply; towing/pushing; trenching; well servicing; sub-sea operations.
- **OVPQ variants:** CAT2 (small craft < 100 GRT); DP; helicopter; operations; ice operations; manned barge; non-SOLAS; spread mooring; unmanned barge.
- **Vessel variants:** barge; catamaran; column stabilised unit (semi-sub); double hull; hovercraft; jackup; monohull; SWATH.

OVID database

The OVID database is managed in London and can be accessed 24/7 by registered users at www.ocimf.org/ovid.

Inspector training, accreditation and auditing

All OVID inspectors have relevant academic qualifications and practical marine experience in the offshore industry. They attend a three-day training course and pass an exam before receiving accreditation. To maintain their accreditation inspectors complete a minimum number of inspections per calendar year and attend a refresher course every three years.

ISO certification

In 2018 the OVID Quality Management System (QMS) was awarded ISO 9001:2015 certification by the British Standards Institution.

Compliance

A set of governing documents defines the processes, standards and behaviours expected of inspectors, report submitting companies, offshore vessel operators and report recipients. The OCIMF Compliance Manager makes sure that OVID participants adhere to these principles, manages the complaints process and follows up on any reported concerns.

Looking ahead

As OVID is gradually established in the international offshore community, OCIMF members expect it to go through a process of refinement and continuous improvement. Feedback is welcomed.

For more information, visit www.ocimf.org/ovid or email ovid@ocimf.org.

OVID IN NUMBERS



7,324

Vessels registered



262

Reports received/month (average)



146

Reports downloaded/month (average)



3,146

Reports in database (total)

20,293

Reports received since programme began



412

Number of accredited inspectors

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