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On the Sicilian region website it is now possible to make the change

Telematic Directory of Industrial Diving

Online in Sicily the model to change the level

The Friuli Venezia Giulia region ready to follow in the footsteps of the all-Sicilian law



PALERMO (1 November 2024) - A change of pace at the Sicilian region on the industrial diving front.

The Department of Labour, Employment, Guidance and Training Activities Services, in fact, has finally approved the putting online of the registration position/level variation model and the data reported for those already registered in the Telematic Directory of Industrial Diving on the Sicilian Region's website.

In practice, it is now possible for those who are already enrolled in the repertoire to request a change in their position, without losing their inclusion number in the repertoire, by submitting an application to change their position from Inshore to Top Up level, from Inshore to Saturation level, or from Top Up to Saturation level.

There are two ways to obtain a change to a higher level, for those who are already registered in the telematic repertoire, having already attended a professional training course that has allowed their registration: attend the professional training courses for the respective levels or, alternatively, an 'assessment' i.e. an evaluation of the skills that can be demonstrated through an IDSA licence as set out on page 7 of dprs no. 31/2018 i.e. an evaluation of the number of dives and bottom times as established by IDSA standards. Bottom times that must in any case be appropriately reflected in the Individual Log Book, an individual notebook

that records all training and work diving experiences, in the possession of each individual commercial diver. All this must be done in compliance with the IDSA (International Diving Schools Association Standards & Procedures of 14 April 2014) standards, represented by the number of dives and diving activities required by law 07/2016.

In the new circular, approved by the Department of Labour, Employment, Guidance, Services and Training Activities, Service VI, which deals with the coordination of employment centre services of youth and precariousness policies, national and transnational mobility and training paths aimed at the exercise of the activities of industrial diving, an important novelty is represented by the reference to the IMCA circulars of 24 March 2023, no. 1384 'Information Note' of the IMCA (Minimum Criteria for Offshore Surface Supplied Diver Training) and no. 1385 'Information Note - Diver Training Certificates - IMCA Acceptance Criteria' provisions by which IMCA recommends for Offshore the International Diving Schools Association (IDSA) IDSA Level 3 (Surface Supplied Offshore Air Diver) courses, i.e. the Top Up, if there is a credible and independent supervision of the Public Administration, which accredits the achievement of the qualification, with a single point of contact being the Department of Labour which carries out the controls in Sicily.

Finally, once registration has taken place, the Department will issue the new card updated with the new qualification level. The forms put in place by the Sicilian region now create an even closer link between IDSA, IMCA and the Sicilian Region's Labour Department itself. Close collaboration that in Italy takes on an even more important character for industrial diving as a whole, in light of a draft law, with similar characteristics to the law enacted by the Sicilian Region, which could create a repertory in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region as well.

In fact, in the near future, divers, certified according to training courses that refer to IDSA standards, will be able to register in Sicily or Friuli Venezia Giulia, in a telematic repertory from which it will be possible to 'draw' the names of divers with all the papers in order, because they possess the skills that meet the safety standards required by Legislative Decree No. 81 of 2008.

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