
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Offshore Installations (Logbooks and
Registration of Death) Regulations 1972**

Registration of deaths and persons lost

8. Where any person—

- (a) dies on an offshore installation or is lost from an installation in circumstances such that it is reasonable to believe that he has died; or
- (b) dies in or on a lifeboat, liferaft or other emergency survival craft belonging to an offshore installation or is lost therefrom in such circumstances as aforesaid; or
- (c) otherwise dies or is lost in such circumstances as aforesaid in the neighbourhood of an offshore installation while engaged in any operation connected with the installation;

and the death or loss is not required to be registered under the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 or under any regulations made under section 72 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (which relates to returns of births and deaths in ships), a return of death in the form set out in the Schedule hereto shall be made in accordance with Regulation 9.

9.—(1) Where an obligation to make a return of death arises, the manager of the relevant installation shall complete and sign Part I of a form of return and despatch the form to the owner of the installation as soon as is practicable and in any event within 10 days of his becoming aware of the death or loss to which the return relates.

(2) An installation owner receiving from a manager a form of return of death with Part I completed shall within 10 days thereof complete Part II of the form and send the form duly signed by him or on his behalf to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen.

(3) Without prejudice to the preceding provisions of this Regulation and to the provisions of Regulation 12, a return of death which is not made within the times specified in this Regulation for the making thereof shall not be invalid by reason only that it is not made within those times.

10. When a person dies or is lost in circumstances in which an obligation to make a return of death arises under Regulation 8, the owner of the relevant installation shall as soon as is practicable and in any event within 48 hours of first becoming aware of the death or loss—

- (a) if he was the employer of the dead or missing person, notify any person known to him to be, or nominated to him as, the next-of-kin of such person; or
- (b) if he was not his employer, notify any person known to him to have been the employer of that person at the time of his death or loss.

11.—(1) When the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen receives a return made pursuant to Regulation 9 he shall send a copy of that return certified by him or a person authorised by him as being a true copy thereof—

- (a) where the deceased was immediately before his death ordinarily resident in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for Scotland or the Registrar General for Northern Ireland, as the case may be; and

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(b) in any other case, to the Registrar General of Births, Deaths and Marriages for England and Wales.

(2) If the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen is satisfied that there is an error or omission in any return received by him as aforesaid, he may, in accordance with evidence of the true state of affairs relating to the return, send corrected or supplementary particulars in respect thereof to the appropriate Registrar General.

(3) A Registrar General who duly receives any such certified copy as aforesaid shall record information contained therein in the register kept by him called the marine register, together with such additional information as appears to him desirable for the purpose of ensuring the completeness and correctness of the register.