

## 1975 No. 1581

## MERCHANT SHIPPING

**The Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Merchant Ships and Other Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1975**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	26th September 1975
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		6th October 1975
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		28th October 1975

The Secretary of State, after consulting with the organisations referred to in section 99(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970(a), in exercise of powers conferred by sections 24 and 92 of that Act and now vested in him(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Merchant Ships and Other Vessels) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 and shall come into operation on 28th October 1975.

2. Schedule 1 to the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) Regulations 1974(c) shall be amended as follows:

- (1) In Scale I, under the heading “MEDICINES”, in column 1, for “Codeine Compound Tablets” there shall be substituted “Soluble Aspirin and Codeine Tablets (Aspirin 400 mg, Codeine Phosphate 8 mg)”;
- (2) In Scale II under the heading “MEDICINES”:
  - (a) in column 1 after the entry of “Morphine Ampoules” there shall be inserted “or  
\*Morphine sulphate injection 15 mg per ml (in 1 ml ampoules)”, and in column 4 and 5 respectively, opposite such entry, “12 ampoules”;
  - (b) before the entry in column 1 of “Morphine Tablets” after the asterisk there shall be inserted “(b)” and the corresponding footnote shall be “\* (b) Alternatively, 60 tablets of pethidine (25 mg) may be carried.”;
- (3) In Scale II under the heading “MEDICAL STORES, INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES”, before the entry in column 1 of “Syringes: hypodermic, sterile disposable” there shall be inserted “(a)” and the

(a) 1970 c. 36.

(b) See S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

(c) S.I. 1974/1193 (1974 II, p. 4517).

corresponding footnote at the bottom of the page shall be “(a) If morphine sulphate injection ampoules are carried, the quantity of 2 ml syringes in column 3 shall be increased from 10 to 22 and in column 4 shall be increased from 20 to 32.”;

- (4) In Scales II and III under the heading “MEDICINES” in each Scale:
  - (a) in column 1 for “Codeine Compound Tablets” there shall be substituted “Soluble Aspirin and Codeine Tablets (Aspirin 400 mg, Codeine Phosphate 8 mg) or Paracetamol Tablets 500 mg”;
  - (b) in column 2 “Tab. Codein Co.” shall be deleted and a dash inserted (to indicate that no other particulars are to be included on the label);
- (5) In Scales III, IV and V, under the heading “MEDICINES” in each Scale, in column 1 after the entry of “Morphine Ampoules” there shall be inserted “or Morphine sulphate injection 15 mg per ml (in 1 ml ampoules)”;
- (6) In Scales III, IV and V, under the heading “MEDICAL STORES, INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES” in column 1 in each Scale, before “Thermometers, clinical” there shall be inserted “(a) Syringe: hypodermic, sterile, disposable”, in column 2, opposite such article there shall be inserted “2 ml syringes with 21 SWG × 4 cm needles” and in column 3, “6”; and the corresponding footnote at the bottom of the page shall be “(a) To be carried only if morphine sulphate injection ampoules are carried.”.

**3. Schedule 1 to the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1974(a) shall be amended as follows:**

- (1) In Scales I, II and III, under the heading “MEDICINES” in each Scale:
  - (a) (i) in column 1 for “Codeine Compound Tablets” there shall be substituted “Soluble Aspirin and Codeine Tablets (Aspirin 400 mg, Codeine Phosphate 8 mg) or Paracetamol Tablets 500 mg”;
  - (ii) in column 2 “Tab. Codein Co.” shall be deleted and a dash inserted (to indicate that no other particulars are to be included on the label);
  - (b) in column 1 after the entry of “Morphine Ampoules” there shall be inserted “or Morphine sulphate injection 15 mg per ml (in 1 ml ampoules)”;
- (2) In Scale I under the heading “MEDICAL STORES, INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES”, before the entry in column 1 of “Syringes, hypodermic, sterile, disposable” there shall be inserted “(a)” and the corresponding footnote at the bottom of the page shall be “(a) If morphine sulphate injection ampoules are carried, the quantity of syringes in column 3 shall be increased from 6 to 12.”;

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(a) S.I. 1974/1192 (1974 II, p. 4493).

- (3) In Scales II and III under the heading "MEDICAL STORES, INSTRUMENTS AND APPLIANCES" in each Scale in column 1 before "Thermometer, clinical" there shall be inserted: "(a) Syringe: hypodermic, sterile, disposable", in column 2, opposite such article there shall be inserted "2 ml syringes with 21 SWG  $\times$  4 cm needles" and in column 3, "6"; and the corresponding footnote at the bottom of the page shall be "(a) To be carried only if morphine sulphate injection ampoules are carried."

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26th September 1975.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) Regulations 1974:

- (1) by deleting from the list of medicines required to be carried on ships registered in the United Kingdom, the references to Codeine Compound Tablets. In the case of a ship required to carry a duly qualified medical practitioner or a qualified doctor, soluble Aspirin and Codeine Tablets, and in other specified cases either soluble Aspirin and Codeine Tablets or Paracetamol Tablets, are now required to be carried in the same quantities as those previously specified for Codeine Compound Tablets;
- (2) by permitting a specified number of pethidine tablets to be carried on ships on any voyage as an alternative to morphine tablets;
- (3) by permitting a specified number of morphine sulphate injection ampoules to be carried on any voyage as an alternative to morphine ampoules;
- (4) by requiring, when morphine sulphate injection ampoules are carried, a specified number of syringes to be carried.

The Regulations also make amendments in the Merchant Shipping (Medical Scales) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1974 comparable to those described at (1), (3) and (4) above.

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