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The Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Nautical Publications)**Rules 1975**

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The Secretary of State in exercise of powers conferred by section 86 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970(a) and now vested in him (b) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Nautical Publications) Rules 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of these Rules as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. These Rules apply to all ships registered in the United Kingdom other than—

- (a) those which are less than 12 metres in length, and
- (b) fishing vessels.

3. The Secretary of State hereby specifies the charts described in Rule 4 below and the directions and information mentioned in Rule 5 below, as the charts, directions and information which appear to him necessary or expedient for the safe operation of ships to which these Rules apply.

4. The said charts are those—

- (a) which are of such a scale and which contain sufficient detail as clearly to show—
 - (i) all navigational marks which may be used by a ship when navigating the waters which are comprised in the chart,
 - (ii) all known dangers affecting those waters, and
 - (iii) information concerning any traffic separation schemes, two-way routes, recommended tracks, inshore traffic zones and deep water routes applicable to those waters and areas therein which are to be avoided;

(a) 1970 c. 36.
(c) 1889 c. 63.

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

- (b) which are either published by the Hydrographer of the Navy or, if not so published, are of a similar scale to those so published and contain equivalent detail; and
- (c) which, in all cases, are of the latest obtainable edition and
 - (i) in the case of charts published by the Hydrographer of the Navy have been corrected and kept up to date from the latest relevant obtainable Notices to Mariners and Radio Navigational Warnings, and
 - (ii) in the case of charts not so published, have been otherwise adequately corrected and kept up to date.

In paragraph (b) of this Rule the reference to the Hydrographer of the Navy includes a reference to any authority in any country other than the United Kingdom duly exercising functions similar to those of the Hydrographer.

5. The said directions and information are such as is contained in the publications mentioned in column 1 of the Schedule to these Rules, being publications which, in all cases, are of the latest obtainable edition and which incorporate the latest relevant supplements and, in the case of any such publication which is published otherwise than by the publisher specified opposite thereto in column 2 of the said Schedule, is of equivalent standard and content.

6. Every ship to which these Rules apply which goes to sea or attempts to go to sea shall carry at least—

- (a) one copy of a chart which complies with the requirements specified in Rule 4 above, being a chart which is appropriate for each part of the intended voyage; and
- (b) except in the case of a ship which does not intend to go to sea beyond a distance of 5 nautical miles from any coastline, one copy of each of the publications mentioned in Column 1 of the Schedule to these Rules, with English language text, as is appropriate for that voyage.

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Companies, Aviation and Shipping,
Department of Trade.

21st April 1975.

SCHEDULE

(see Rule 5)

PUBLICATIONS, DIRECTIONS AND INFORMATION

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Publication	Publisher
(a) International Code of Signals	Her Majesty's Stationery Office
(b) Merchant Shipping Notices	Department of Trade
(c) Mariners Handbook	Hydrographer of the Navy
(d) Notices to Mariners	Hydrographer of the Navy
(e) Nautical Almanac	—
(f) Navigational Tables	—
(g) Lists of Radio Signals	Hydrographer of the Navy
(h) Lists of Lights	Hydrographer of the Navy
(i) Sailing Directions	Hydrographer of the Navy
(j) Tide Tables	—
(k) Tidal Stream Atlases	—
(l) Operating and Maintenance instructions for navigational aids carried by the ship.	—

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules require ships registered in the United Kingdom (other than those less than 12 metres in length and fishing vessels) which go or attempt to go to sea to carry charts containing sufficient detail to show navigational marks, known dangers and other specified information which is appropriate for each part of the intended voyage. Such ships intending to go to sea beyond 5 nautical miles from any coastline are also required to carry directions and information as set out in specified publications, as is appropriate for such a voyage.

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