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MERCHANT SHIPPING
SAFETY
**The Merchant Shipping (Cargo and Passenger Ship
Construction) (Amendment) Rules 1975**

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 1 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949(a) and section 2 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964(b) and now vested in him (c) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Cargo and Passenger Ship Construction) (Amendment) Rules 1975 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1975.

2.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Rules 1965(d) and the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) Rules 1965(e) shall be amended as follows:—

In Rule 1(2) (interpretation) of each of the said Rules for the definition of “Incombustible material” there shall be substituted the following definition:

““Incombustible material” means material which when heated to a temperature of 750°C (1382°F) neither flames for longer than 10 seconds duration, nor raises either its internal temperature or the temperature of the test furnace more than 50°C (90°F) above 750°C (1382°F) when tested in accordance with British Standard 476: Part 4: 1970, and the expression “combustible material” shall be construed accordingly;”.

(2) The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) Rules 1965 shall also be amended as follows:

(a) 1949 c. 43.

(b) 1964 c. 47.

(c) See S.I. 1965/145 (1965 I, p. 438).

(d) S.I. 1965/1104 (1965 II, p. 2922).

(e) S.I. 1965/1103 (1965 II, p. 2826).

In Rule 1(2), in the definition of "Surface spread of flame", for the words "within the meaning of Section 2 of British Standard Specification 476: Part 1: 1953" there shall be substituted the words "within the meaning of British Standard 476: Part 7: 1971".

Stanley Clinton Davis,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for
Companies, Aviation and Shipping,
Department of Trade.

2nd June 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Rules 1965 and the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) Rules 1965 by providing a new definition of "incombustible material", incorporating revised technical criteria applicable for this purpose. The Rules also make a minor amendment to the definition of "surface spread of flame" in the last-mentioned Rules.

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