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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1977 No. 229**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING  
SAFETY**

**The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving  
Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1977**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>14th February 1977</i>
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>11th March 1977</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 as substituted by section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949 and amended by section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964 and now vested in him<sup>(1)</sup>, 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 (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1977 and shall come into operation on 11th March 1977.

**2.** The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules 1965<sup>(2)</sup> as amended<sup>(3)</sup>, shall be further amended as follows:—

After paragraph (3) of Part I of Schedule 9, there shall be added the following paragraph:—

“(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs of this Part of this Schedule, any liferaft the inflatable chambers or floor of which are made of rubber-proofed cotton—

- (a) made on or before 31st December 1965, shall be treated as not complying with the requirements of this Part of this Schedule on or after 1st July 1978;
- (b) made on or after 1st January 1966, shall be treated as not complying with the requirements of this Part of this Schedule on or after 1st July 1979.”

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<sup>(1)</sup> See S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).

<sup>(2)</sup> (1965 II, p. 2940).

<sup>(3)</sup> These amendments are not relevant to the subject matter of these Rules.

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14th February 1977

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

These Rules further amend the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules 1965 by providing for the phasing out, in two stages, of liferafts the inflatable chambers or floors of which are made of rubber-proofed cotton, so that by 1st July 1979 all liferafts of that type shall cease to comply with the requirements of those Rules.