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MERCHANT SHIPPING

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**The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances)
(Amendment) Regulations 1981**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	8th April 1981
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<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st May 1981

The Secretary of State, after consulting with the persons referred to in section 22(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by subsections (1)(a) and (b), (3)(a), (d), (f), (g) and (l), (5), (6)(a) and (b) of section 21 and by section 22(1)(a) and (c) of that Act 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 (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1981.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules 1965(b) are hereby revoked to the extent that they apply to ships which are within the United Kingdom or the territorial waters thereof.

3. The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Regulations 1980(c) shall be amended as follows:

(1) in regulation 1(3):

(a) in sub-paragraph (b):

(i) the words "which are either 1948 Safety Convention ships, 1960 Safety Convention ships or 1974 Safety Convention ships" shall be deleted;

(ii) in proviso (ii), for "45 feet" there shall be substituted "13.7 metres";

(iii) the words "For the purpose of this paragraph" to the end, shall be deleted;

(2) in regulation 1(4), the words "Safety Convention" shall be deleted;

(3) in regulation 4(8), in proviso (c), for "10" there shall be substituted "0.283";

(4) in regulation 23(7)(b) for the last sentence there shall be substituted "If such lifejacket is of the partially inherent buoyancy type, the buoyancy of the lifejacket in the uninflated state shall be not less than 89 newtons for a person weighing 32 kilogrammes or more.";

(a) 1979 c. 39.
(c) S.I. 1980/538.

(b) S.I. 1965/1105, as amended by S.I. 1966/744, 1969/409, 1977/229.

- (5) in regulation 34(5) for the last word "paragrapgh" there shall be substituted "paragraph";
- (6) in regulation 36(1)(l), for "stern" there shall be substituted "stem";
- (7) in regulation 37(3), for "regulation 15(3)" there shall be substituted "regulation 18(3)";
- (8) in regulation 43:
 - (a) in subparagraph (5) for "Schedule 17" there shall be substituted "Schedules 16 and 17";
 - (b) in subparagraph (19) for "15 millimetres" there shall be substituted "150 millimetres";
- (9) in regulation 50(3):
 - (a) in subparagraph (c)(i), for "regulation 60 of the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1980" there shall be substituted "regulation 6 of the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981" and for footnote (a) there shall be substituted "S.I. 1981/572.";
 - (b) in subparagraph (d) for "the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1980" there shall be substituted "the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction and Survey) Regulations 1981";
- (10) in regulation 52, for paragraph (6) there shall be substituted:

"(6) The Secretary of State may exempt any ship or class of ships from all or any of the provisions of these Regulations (as may be specified in the exemption) if he is satisfied that compliance with such provision is either impracticable or unreasonable in the case of that ship or class of ships on such terms (if any) as he may so specify and may, subject to giving reasonable notice, alter or cancel any such exemption."
- (11) in Part I of Schedule 9, in paragraph (1)(j)(ii), for "3.720" there shall be substituted "3720";
- (12) in Part VI of Schedule 15, subparagraphs (2)(j)(i) and (ii) shall be deleted;
- (13) in Schedule 19 paragraph (5)(e) for "Schedule 15" there shall be substituted "Schedule 16".

8th April 1981.

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations revoke the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules 1965 to the extent that those Rules apply to ships within the United Kingdom or United Kingdom territorial waters. They also amend the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Regulations 1980 (which prescribe life-saving appliances to be carried in ships) and give effect to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (Cmnd. 7346) which was laid before Parliament in October 1978. Pursuant to the Protocol, the application of the 1980 Regulations is extended to all ships (except certain pleasure craft and fishing vessels), whether or not registered in a country to which a Safety of Life at Sea Convention applies, while they are within the United Kingdom or United Kingdom territorial waters.

In addition to amending some textual errors, these Regulations also make the following amendments:

(1) the Secretary of State's power to grant exemptions from the requirements of the Regulations is extended to cover all ships or classes of ships (regulation 52(6));

(2) first aid outfits for lifeboats and liferafts need no longer include Morphine or Pantopon ampoule syringes (Schedule 15, Part VI, paragraph (2)(j)).

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