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MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

**The Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment)
(Amendment) Regulations 1981**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>8th April 1981</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>10th April 1981</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st May 1981</i>

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 subsection (1), sub-paragraphs (a), (d), (e), (f), (o) and (q) of subsection (3), and subsections (4)(a) and (6)(a) and (b) of section 21 and 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 (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1981.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) Regulations 1980(b) shall be amended as follows:

- (1) in regulation 2(1) the definition of " Safety Convention ship " shall be deleted;
- (2) in regulation 2(3) the words from " to the extent " to the end shall be deleted;
- (3) in regulation 2(4) the words " Safety Convention " shall be deleted;
- (4) in regulation 3(4) the proviso shall be deleted.

Trefgarne,

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

8th April 1981.

(a) 1979 c.39.

(b) S.I. 1980/530.

These Regulations revoke the Merchant Shipping (Radar) Rules (S.I. 1976/302) and the Merchant Shipping (Direction-Finders) Rules 1965 (S.I. 1965/1112) (which were partially revoked by the Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) Regulations 1980). They also amend those Regulations (which require the provision of echo sounder, direction-finder, gyro compass and radar installations) 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, with effect from 1st May 1981, to all sea-going ships of 500 tons or over (except 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.

With the coming into force of the Protocol on 1st May 1981, two radar installations are required to be provided on ships of 10,000 tons or over on that date. Previously only one such installation had to be provided until 25th May 1982. That date is now deleted.

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