

1984 No. 346**MERCHANT SHIPPING****SAFETY****The Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations)
(Amendment) Regulations 1984**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	13th March 1984
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The Secretary of State for Transport, after consultation 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 section 21(1)(a), (3)(e) and (p) of that Act and of all powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1984 and shall come into operation on 28th April 1984.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1980^(b) shall be further amended as follows:

(1) At the end of both regulation 18(3) and regulation 26(4) there shall be added the following proviso:

“Provided that the holder of a certificate specified in sub-paragraph (a) issued on or after 28th April 1984 shall not be so qualified unless he is in addition the holder of a valid certificate issued by the Secretary of State or an approved person stating that the holder has satisfied the additional knowledge and training requirements set out in Schedule 4 to these Regulations or a document recognised by the Secretary of State as the equivalent of such a certificate and issued by an authority empowered in that behalf by the laws of some part of the Commonwealth or the Irish Republic.”.

(a) 1979 c. 39.

(b) S.I. 1980/529; to which there is an amendment not relevant to these Regulations.

(2) After Schedule 3 there shall be added the following Schedule:

“SCHEDULE 4 Regulations 18(3) and 26(4)

ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
FOR RADIOTELEPHONE OPERATORS AND RADIO OFFICERS

- (a) The provision of radio services in emergencies including:
 - (i) abandon ship;
 - (ii) fire aboard ship;
 - (iii) partial or full breakdown of the radio station.
- (b) The operation of lifeboats, liferafts, buoyant apparatus and their equipment, with special reference to portable and fixed lifeboat radio apparatus and emergency position-indicating radio beacons.
- (c) Survival at sea.
- (d) First aid.
- (e) Fire prevention and fire-fighting with particular reference to the radio installation.
- (f) Preventive measures for the safety of ship and personnel in connection with hazards related to radio equipment including electrical, radiation, chemical and mechanical hazards.
- (g) The use of the Organisation's Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual (MERSAR) published in January 1981 (including any document amending the Manual which is considered by the Secretary of State to be relevant from time to time and is specified in a Merchant Shipping Notice) with particular reference to radiocommunications.
- (h) Ship position-reporting systems and procedures.
- (i) The use of the International Code of Signals and the Standard Marine Navigational Vocabulary.
- (j) Radio medical systems and procedures.”.

Nicholas Ridley,
Secretary of State for Transport.

13th March 1984.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1980 and require the holder of a certificate of competency as a radio telephone operator or radio officer on board a United Kingdom ship, issued on or after 28th April 1984, to hold a certificate stating that the holder has satisfied the additional knowledge and training requirements set out in the new Schedule 4.

These Regulations give effect in part to Regulations IV/1 and IV/3 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers (1978) (Cmnd. 7543) which was laid before Parliament in May 1979 and was ratified by the United Kingdom on 28th November 1980. The Convention will come into force internationally on 28th April 1984.

The publication referred to in paragraph (g) of the Schedule is obtainable from the International Maritime Organization, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1.

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