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**1985 No. 659****MERCHANT SHIPPING****SAFETY****The Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1985***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - - 21st April 1985**Coming into operation in accordance with regulation 1*

The Secretary of State for Transport, after consulting with the persons referred to in section 22(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979<sup>(a)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 21(1)(a) and (b) and (2) to (6) and 22 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 1985 and shall come into operation on the day after they are made.

**2.** The Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) Regulations 1984<sup>(b)</sup> are hereby amended as follows:—

(1) In regulation 2(1) there shall be inserted after the definition of “the Organization” the following definitions:—

““Passenger Certificate Class IIA” means a certificate issued under or pursuant to the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1984 for ships engaged on voyages of any kind other than international voyages;

“Passenger Certificate Class III” means a certificate so issued for ships engaged only on voyages in the course of which they are at no time more than 70 miles by sea from their point of departure and not more than 18 miles from the coast of the United Kingdom, and which are at sea only in favourable weather and during restricted periods.”.

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1979 c. 39; section 21(6) was amended by section 49(3) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48).

<sup>(b)</sup> S.I. 1984/1203.

- (2) Regulation 2(3) shall be replaced by the following paragraph:
- “(3) The Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) Regulations 1980<sup>(a)</sup> and the Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) (Amendment) Regulations 1981<sup>(b)</sup> are hereby revoked.”.
- (3) In regulation 2(4)(b) the word “sea-going” shall be deleted.
- (4) In regulation 2(4), at the end, the following additional sub-paragraph shall be added:
- “(c) other sea-going ships of 150 tons or over while they are within the United Kingdom or the territorial waters thereof.”.
- (5) In regulation 3, after paragraph (5), the following additional paragraph shall be inserted:
- “(5A) Every United Kingdom ship having a Passenger Certificate of Class IIA or III shall either—
- (a) be fitted with an echo sounder installation and comply with Part IV of these Regulations; or
- (b) be provided with—
- (i) two hand lead lines each 45 metres long and each with a lead weighing at least 3 kilograms; and
- (ii) in the case of a ship of 1600 tons or over having a Passenger Certificate of Class IIA, an efficient mechanical depth sounding device.”.
- (6) In regulation 8 at the beginning of the last sentence there shall be inserted the words “In United Kingdom ships”.
- (7) In regulation 11(1) and (2) after the words “in the case of” there shall be inserted the words “United Kingdom”.
- (8) In regulation 13, at the end, there shall be added “or, in the case of a ship which is not a United Kingdom ship, a gyro compass is fitted.”.
- (9) In regulations 15, 18(1), 27, 29, 31, 37 and 39 after the words “and shall in addition” there shall be inserted the words “in the case of a United Kingdom ship,”.
- (10) In regulation 20(1) after the opening words “While a” there shall be inserted the words “United Kingdom”.
- (11) In regulation 21(2) after the opening word “Every” there shall be inserted the words “United Kingdom”.
- (12) In regulation 41, after the words “1st September 1985, a” there shall be inserted the words “United Kingdom”.
- (13) Schedule 1 shall be deleted.

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21st April 1985.

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<sup>(a)</sup> S.I. 1980/530, amended by S.I. 1981/579 and 1984/1203.

<sup>(b)</sup> S.I. 1981/579.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations bring non-United Kingdom ships within the existing regulatory framework for United Kingdom ships governing navigational equipment in order to give effect in part to the Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (SOLAS) adopted on 20th November 1981 by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization at its 45th Session.

These Regulations revoke the Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) Regulations 1980 (Regulation 2(2)) and apply the Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) Regulations 1984, which previously applied only to United Kingdom ships, to both United Kingdom and non-United Kingdom ships when in the United Kingdom or its territorial waters (Regulation 2(4)). The 1984 Regulations are applied to such non-United Kingdom ships only insofar as they give effect to the amendments to SOLAS referred to above.

In addition these Regulations impose requirements for depth sounding devices in United Kingdom passenger ships not engaged in international voyages (Regulation 2(5)).

The IMO Amendments are contained in the IMO Publication "Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974" (Sales number 092 82.01.E) which can be obtained from IMO, 4, Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR.

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