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**1986 No. 2285**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The General Lighthouse Authorities  
(Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1986**

*Made - - - - 19th December 1986*

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

*Coming into Operation 1st January 1987*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 34(3) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

**1.** This Order may be cited as the General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Hyperbolic Systems) Order 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1987.

**2.** All references to a beacon in Part XI of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 shall be construed as including equipment provided for broadcasts in the frequency range 70kHz-130kHz from the North British, North Scottish, Hebridean, Northumbrian, English and South West British transmitter chains of the Racal-Decca Marine Navigation Limited's hyperbolic electronic position-fixing system, known as the Decca Navigator System, together with the support facilities provided by that company for those chains, in the circumstances that, and for so long as, those chains are operated in accordance with any contract in that behalf between that Company and the General Lighthouse Authorities.

19th December 1986

*John Moore*  
Secretary of State for Transport

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The Order provides for the references to a beacon in Part XI of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 to include certain Navigator transmitter chains in the British Isles for as long as they are operated by Racal-Decca Marine Navigation Ltd under any contract with the General Lighthouse Authorities. The chains thus become subject to the superintendence and management of the General Lighthouse Authorities for this period.