EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1991 consequent on the delegation of radio survey work to British Telecommunications plc by the Merchant Shipping (Radio and Radio-Navigational Equipment Survey) Regulations 1991 and the Fishing Vessels (Safety Provisions) (Amendment) Rules 1991. The fees for the work involved leading to the issue of a certificate (including the issue itself) is to be charged at an hourly rate of £44, together with a fixed fee of £72 for fishing vessels, and £88 for other ships, in place of an hourly rate only of £55. Where the survey is performed abroad by a locally appointed surveyor, a separate charge at the hourly rate is made for the issue of a certificate.

The Regulations also provide for a fee for exemptions from the Regulations and Rules involved, make provision as to rounding up of periods of work of less than an hour, and correct a mistake in the table of charges for tonnage measurement.