

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order further amends the Hovercraft (General) Order 1972. It removes references to the Civil Aviation Authority, and includes references to the Secretary of State (consequential upon the Marine Safety Agency of the Department of Transport taking over responsibility for the certification of the safety of hovercraft).

In addition Parts II and III of the Order cease to apply to certain hovercraft to which the High-Speed Craft Code (made mandatory by the Safety of Life at Sea Convention 1974) applies. These are now regulated by the Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 1996 (*Articles 5 and 12*).

Experimental Certificates and Type Certificates will no longer be issued (*Article 8*).