
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection)
(Amendment) Regulations 1999**

PART II

**AMENDMENTS OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (FIRE
PROTECTION: SMALL SHIPS) REGULATIONS 1998**

28. The Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998(1) shall be amended as follows.

29. In regulation 1(2):

- (a) in the definition of “‘A’ Class division”, for “139°C” there shall be substituted “140°C”;
- (b) in the definition of “dangerous goods”, for “Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 1997” there shall be substituted “Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997(2)”;
- (c) after the definition of “equivalent material”, the following definition shall be inserted:

“‘Fire Test Procedures Code’ means the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, as adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organisation by resolution MSC.61(67);”;
- (d) in the definition of “lightweight”, “with” shall be omitted;
- (e) after the definition of “lightweight”, the following definition shall be inserted:

“‘low flame spread’ means that the surface described will adequately restrict the spread of flame, this being determined in accordance with the Fire Test Procedures Code;”;
- (f) for the definition of “non-combustible material” there shall be substituted:

“‘non-combustible material’ means a material which neither burns nor gives off flammable vapours in sufficient quantity for self-ignition when heated to approximately 750°C, this being determined in accordance with the Fire Test Procedures Code. Any other material is a combustible material;”;
- (g) in the definition of “special category spaces” the words “and to which such vehicles can be driven” shall be omitted;
- (h) for the definition of “standard fire test” there shall be substituted:

“‘standard fire test’ is one in which a specimen of the relevant bulkhead or deck is exposed in a test furnace to temperatures corresponding approximately to a standard time-temperature curve in accordance with the Fire Test Procedures Code;”;
- (i) before the definition of “tanker” there shall be inserted the following definition:

(1) S.I.1998/1011.
(2) S.I. 1997/2367.

““suitable” in relation to material means approved by the Secretary of State as suitable for the purpose for which it is used;” and

(j) the definition of “surface spread of flame” shall be deleted.

30. In regulation 1(7)(a)(i) for other “such ships” there shall be substituted “non-United Kingdom ships of such Classes, size and tonnage”.

31. In regulation 2(1):

(a) the following entries shall be inserted before the entry “Class II(A)”;

Class I	Passenger ships engaged on voyages any of which are long international voyages;
Class II	Passenger ships engaged only on short international voyages;

(b) in the entry for Class XII, for “pleasure craft” there shall be substituted “pleasure vessels”.

32. In regulation 25, in the subheading, for “*after 1st September*” there shall be substituted “*on or after 1st September*”.

33. For regulation 43 there shall be substituted:

“(1) In every ship constructed on or after 1st November 1992 but before 1st July 1998 of Class II(A), Class III, Class IV, Class V carrying 250 passengers or more operating in category B waters, Class V carrying 50 passengers or more operating in category C waters, Class VI carrying 50 passengers or more or Class VI(A), all accommodation bulkheads, linings, ceilings and their associated grounds shall be constructed of non-combustible materials and their exposed surfaces shall have qualities of resistance to the propagation of flame to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State; and

(2) In every ship constructed on or after 1st July 1998 of Class II(A), Class III, Class IV, Class V carrying 250 passengers or more operating in category B waters, Class V carrying 50 passengers or more operating in category C waters, Class VI carrying 50 passengers or more or Class VI(A), all accommodation bulkheads, linings, ceilings and their associated grounds shall be constructed of non-combustible materials and their exposed surfaces shall have low flame spread.”.