

**2006 No. 2053**

**HOVERCRAFT**

**The Hovercraft (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

*Made* - - - - *24th July 2006*

*Coming into force* - - *11th September 2006*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by article 35 of the Hovercraft (General) Order 1972(a), and with the approval of the Treasury, makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hovercraft (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 and come into force on 11th September 2006.

**Amendment of Hovercraft (Fees) Regulations 1997**

2.—(1) The Hovercraft (Fees) Regulations 1997(b) (“the principal Regulations”) are amended as provided in this regulation.

(2) In regulation 5, for “£78” there is substituted “£94”.

(3) For the table in regulation 9(1) there is substituted the following table—

<i>Subject of fee</i>	<i>Fee per hour or part of an hour</i>
1. Waiting time prior to the commencement of and during a survey or inspection conducted in the United Kingdom or abroad, after the first hour	£94
2. An abortive visit whether in the United Kingdom or abroad: time wasted—	
(a) after the first hour at the place of an inspection or survey	£94
(b) in travelling to and from that place	£94
3. Survey or inspection work (including time spent travelling) performed at the following times—	
(a) between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. on Monday to Friday or at any time on Saturday	£47
(b) on Sunday or a day to be observed as a bank holiday under section 1 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971(c)	£94

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(a) S.I. 1972/674, amended by S.I. 1989/1351, 1996/3173 and 2004/302.

(b) S.I. 1997/320, amended by S.I. 2004/1976.

(c) 1971 c.80.

### **Transitional provision**

3. Where an application for a survey or inspection of a hovercraft is made before 11th September 2006 and any work to conduct that inspection, survey, test or other function is carried out after 10th September, the hourly rate prescribed under these Regulations applies for the purpose of calculating—

- (a) the fee in respect of the survey and inspection work carried out after 10th September, and
- (b) any additional fee which becomes payable under regulation 9(1) of the principal Regulations by reason of an event occurring after 10th September.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

18th July 2006

*S.J. Ladyman*  
Minister of State  
Department for Transport

We consent to the making of these Regulations

24th July 2006

*Alan Campbell*  
*Dave Watts*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Hovercraft (Fees) Regulations 1997 by altering certain hourly fees as follows:—

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Old fee</i>	<i>New fee</i>
Survey or inspection of a hovercraft or its equipment under the Hovercraft (General) Order 1972 (S.I. 1972/674)	£78	£94
Application for an exemption under the Order	£78	£94
Waiting time before and during survey or inspection, per hour or part of an hour after the first hour:		
in the United Kingdom	£78	£94
abroad	£156	£94
Abortive visits, per hour or part of an hour (excluding the first hour):		
in the United Kingdom	£78	£94
abroad	£156	£94
Work at unusual hours:		
Mondays to Fridays 6 p.m. to 8 a.m. and Saturdays	£39	£47
Sundays and bank holidays	£78	£94

The remaining fees are unchanged.

The revised fees were last increased on 6th September 2004. The new fees will be payable in respect of work carried out on or after 11th September 2006.

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations and the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2006 (S.I. 2006/2055) and copies may be obtained from Finance and Contracts, Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Bay 3/11, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (telephone 023 8032 9509) or viewed on the Agency's website at [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk). A copy has been placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament.

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