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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 410**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**SAFETY**

**The Merchant Shipping (Boatmasters' Qualifications,  
Crew and Hours of Work) Regulations 2015**

*Made - - - - 26th February 2015*

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*Coming into force - - 4th April 2015*

The Secretary of State for Transport is a Minister designated<sup>(1)</sup> for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(2)</sup> in relation to measures relating to the safety of ships and the health and safety of persons on them, to recognition of higher education diplomas, formal qualifications, or experience in the occupation, required for the pursuit of professions or occupations and to navigation on inland waterways.

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 47(1) and (3) to (4B), 85(1), (3) and (5) to (7), 86(1) and (2), 302(1) and 307(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995<sup>(3)</sup> (“the Act”) and by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, makes the following Regulations.

The Secretary of State is satisfied, for the purposes of section 47(2) of the Act, that it is necessary or expedient in the interests of safety to make the Regulations in so far as they specify standards of competence to be attained and other conditions to be satisfied by officers and other seamen.

The Secretary of State, in so far as the Regulations are safety regulations<sup>(4)</sup>, has consulted the persons referred to in section 86(4) of the Act and, in so far as the Regulations are made under section 47 of the Act, has consulted with the organisations referred to in section 306(4) of the Act<sup>(5)</sup>.

The consent of the Treasury has been given, in so far as the Regulations are made under section 302(1) of the Act.

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(1) S.I. 1993/595, S.I. 2002/248 and S.I. 2003/2901.  
(2) 1972 c.68. Section 2(2) was amended by section 27 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c. 51) and by section 3 of, and Part 1 of the Schedule to, the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7).  
(3) 1995 c.21. Section 47 was amended by section 10 of the Marine Navigation Act 2013 (c.23). Section 85 was amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c.28), section 8 and Schedule 7, Part I, and by the British Overseas Territories Act 2002 (c. 8), section 2(3). Sections 85 and 86 were applied to hovercraft by virtue of article 4 of the Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1350).  
(4) For the meaning of “safety regulations” see section 85(1) of the Act.  
(5) Section 306(4) was amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c. 28), section 29(1) and Schedule 6, paragraph 18.