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

PART 2

BOATMASTERS' QUALIFICATIONS

Boatmasters' certificates

Boatmasters' certificates: authorised operations

28.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (4), a class of UK certificate specified in column (1) of Table 3 confers on its holder authority to serve as master of a vessel which is equivalent to that conferred by the class of boatmasters' licence specified in column (2) of that table.

(2) In waters for which relevant local knowledge is required, a UK certificate does not authorise its holder to undertake any operations (other than operations necessary to deal with an emergency) unless it is a certificate attesting to the holder's knowledge of local navigation requirements in those waters.

(3) Subject to the limitations specified in paragraph (4), a class of boatmasters' certificate issued in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom corresponding to a class of UK certificate confers on its holder authority to serve as master of a vessel equivalent to the authority conferred by that class of UK certificate

(4) The limitations referred to in paragraph (3) are that—

- (a) no certificate authorises its holder to serve as master of a vessel operating beyond the limited coastal area; and
- (b) a person under the age of 21 holding a boatmaster's certificate issued in an EEA State other than the United Kingdom must not serve as the master of any vessel.

Table 3

Boatmasters' certificates: classes of certificate

<i>(1) Class of certificate</i>	<i>(2) Equivalent class of boatmasters' licence</i>
Group A certificates	
General certificate	Tier 1 (Level 2) with cargo and towing and pushing endorsements.
Certificate attesting competence in radar navigation	Tier 1 (Level 2) with cargo, towing and pushing and radar endorsements.

<i>(1) Class of certificate</i>	<i>(2) Equivalent class of boatmasters' licence</i>
Certificate attesting competence in passenger transport	Tier 1 (Level 2) with cargo, towing and pushing, passenger operations (general) and large passenger vessel endorsements.
Certificate attesting knowledge of local navigation requirements	Tier 1 (Level 2) with cargo and towing and pushing endorsements and a relevant local knowledge endorsement for the waters specified in the certificate.
Group B certificates	
General certificate	Tier 1 (Level 1) with cargo and towing and pushing endorsements.
Certificate attesting competence in radar navigation	Tier 1 (Level 1) with cargo, towing and pushing and radar endorsements.
Certificate attesting competence in passenger transport	Tier 1 (Level 1) with cargo, towing and pushing, passenger operations (general) and large passenger vessel endorsements.
Certificate attesting knowledge of local navigation requirements	Tier 1 (Level 1) with cargo and towing and pushing endorsements and a relevant local knowledge endorsement for the waters specified in the certificate.