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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 482**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING  
SAFETY**

**The Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use  
for Sport or Pleasure) (Amendment) Regulations 2000**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>25th February 2000</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>1st March 2000</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2000</i>

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, after consulting the persons referred to in section 86(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995<sup>(1)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 85(1)(a) and (b), (3) and (5) to (7) and section 86(1) of that Act, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and shall come into force on 1st April 2000.

**Amendment of Regulations**

2. The Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 1998<sup>(2)</sup> shall be amended:

- (a) by inserting, in regulation 5(2)(a) after the words “The Safety of Small Commercial Motor Vessels—A Code of Practice”, the words “or “The Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point—A Code of Practice””;
- (b) by adding at the end of the sub-heading to Schedule 2 the words:  
“OR SMALL VESSELS IN COMMERCIAL USE FOR SPORT OR PLEASURE OPERATING FROM A NOMINATED DEPARTURE POINT”; and

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(1) 1995 c. 21; sections 85 and 86 were amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c. 28), section 8.  
(2) S.I.1998/2771.

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- (c) by inserting in Schedule 2 in column 3 in relation to the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998<sup>(3)</sup>, “[1999/992](#)”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions

*Keith Hill*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

25th February 2000

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 1998. They add the Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure Operating from a Nominated Departure Point as a Code with which such ships may comply, as an alternative to other Regulations listed in Schedule 2 to the 1998 Regulations. The Code applies to vessels which operate *to sea* up to 20 miles from a Nominated Departure Point. It is, therefore, complementary to the Codes of Practice for the Safety of Small Commercial Sailing and Motor Vessels.

A regulatory impact assessment has been produced and a copy laid in the library of each House of Parliament. Copies may be obtained from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (Tel.No. 02380 329 100).

The Code of Practice referred to in the Regulations is obtainable from the Stationery Office.