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## MERCHANT SHIPPING

## SAFETY

**The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Classification)  
Regulations 1981**

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| <i>Coming into Operation</i>  | <i>5th November 1981</i> |

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 (a) and now vested in him (b) and, after consulting with the persons referred to in section 22(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979 (c), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 21(1)(a) of that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Classification) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation 5th November 1981.

2. The classification of a United Kingdom passenger ship, being a ship not engaged on international voyages, in the following Regulations shall be amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 3(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) Regulations 1980(d), in the description of Class VI(A), after the words "coast of Scotland" there shall be inserted "or to or from Rathlin Island";

(2) In regulation 2(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Life-saving Appliances) Regulations 1980(e), in the description of Class VI(A), after the words "coast of Scotland" there shall be inserted "or to or from Rathlin Island";

(3) In rule 2(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules 1965(f), in the description of Class VI(A), after the words "coast of Scotland" there shall be inserted "or to or from Rathlin Island";

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(a) 1894 c.60; section 427 was substituted by section 2(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949 (c.43) and amended by section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964 (c.47).

(b) S.I. 1965/145.

(c) 1979 c.39.

(d) S.I. 1980/535, to which there is an amendment not relevant to these Regulations.

(e) S.I. 1980/538, to which there is an amendment not relevant to these Regulations.

(f) S.I. 1965/1106, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(4) In regulation 2(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Regulations 1980<sup>(a)</sup>, in the description of Class VI(A), after the words "coast of Scotland" there shall be inserted "or to or from Rathlin Island".

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Trade.

14th October 1981.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction) Regulations 1980, the Merchant Shipping (Life-saving Appliances) Regulations 1980, the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules 1965 and the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Regulations 1980 by extending the description of a United Kingdom Class VI(A) passenger ship. The effect of the amendments are that passenger ships on voyages to or from Rathlin Island carrying not more than 50 passengers for a distance of not more than six miles and which do not proceed for a distance of more than three miles from land, will be classified as Class VI(A) passenger ships, rather than Class II(A), and accordingly subject to less onerous safety requirements prescribed by those Rules and Regulations.

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<sup>(a)</sup> S.I. 1980/544, to which there is an amendment not relevant to these Regulations.



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