

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

**The Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances)
(Amendment) Regulations 1981**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>8th April 1981</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>10th April 1981</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st May 1981</i>

The Secretary of State, after consulting with the persons referred to in section 22(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by subsections (1) (a) and (b), (3)(a), (d), (j) and (o), (5), (6)(a) and (b) of section 21 and by section 22(1)(a) and (c) 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 (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1981.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Regulations 1980(b) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) in regulation 1(3):—

(a) in subparagraph (b) “1974 Safety Convention” shall be deleted;

(b) the words “For the purpose of this Regulation” to the end shall be deleted;

(2) in regulation 76 the existing paragraph shall be numbered

“(1)” and at the end there shall be added the following paragraph:

“(2) The Secretary of State may grant exemptions from all or any of the provisions of these Regulations (as may be specified in the exemption) for classes of cases or individual cases on such terms (if any) as he may so specify and may, subject to giving reasonable notice, alter or cancel any such exemption.”.

8th April 1981.

Trefgarne,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

(a) 1979 c.39.

(b) S.I. 1980/544.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Regulations 1980 (which prescribe fire appliances to be carried in ships) and give effect to the Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (Cmnd. 7346) which was laid before Parliament in October 1978. Pursuant to the Protocol, the application of the 1980 Regulations is extended to all ships (except certain pleasure craft and fishing vessels), whether or not registered in a country to which the Safety of Life at Sea Convention 1974 applies, while they are within the United Kingdom or United Kingdom territorial waters.

In addition by amending regulation 76(2) the Secretary of State is given power to exempt a class of ships, as well as an individual ship, from the requirements of the Regulations.

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