
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

**The Merchant Shipping (Submersible
Craft Operations) Regulations 1987**

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**THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SUBMERSIBLE
CRAFT OPERATIONS) REGULATIONS 1987**

1. Citation, commencement and interpretation
 2. Application and performance
 3. Master of parent craft
 4. Owners of submersible craft
 5. (1) The owner of a submersible craft which is engaged...
 6. Operations controller
 7. (1) The operations controller shall not permit the submersible operations...
 8. The operations controller shall ensure that an accurate record of...
 9. Qualifications of pilots
 10. Notwithstanding regulation 9(b), a pilot in a one-man submersible craft...
 11. Duties of pilot
 12. Crew and passengers
 13. Reports of casualties
 14. The owner of a submersible craft shall—
 15. Returns of injuries
 16. Inquiries and investigations
 17. When a casualty involving submersible craft, or supporting apparatus has...
 18. Offences
 19. Proceedings
- Signature

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SCHEDULE 1 — MATTERS IN RESPECT OF WHICH WRITTEN PROCEDURES ARE TO BE MADE IN THE OPERATIONS MANUAL

1. Personnel:
2. Responsibilities, authority and duties.
1. Operational Planning:
2. Safety planning.
3. Movement and position reporting.
4. Operational environmental limitations.
1. Operational Procedures:
2. Pre and post dive check-lists.
3. Maintenance of pilots, submersible operations, surface and underwater communications logbooks....
4. Pre and post dive briefings.
5. Routine operational procedures.
6. Submersible craft communications procedures.
7. Support craft position.
8. Estimation of stability and reserve of buoyancy.
9. In the case of diver lock-out submersible craft particular aspects...
 1. Emergency Planning:
 2. Status of equipment and support services.
 3. Self-help plan.
 4. Outside help plan.
 5. Diving or other medical services.
1. Emergency Procedures:
2. Initiation responsibilities.
3. Search procedures for lost submersible craft.
4. Recovery of disabled submersible craft.
5. Submersible craft emergency procedures.
1. Emergency Equipment:
2. Submersible craft.
3. Launch and recovery.
4. Ancillary equipment.
5. Communications.

SCHEDULE 2 — MATTERS IN RESPECT OF WHICH ENTRIES ARE TO BE MADE IN THE SUBMERSIBLE CRAFT OPERATIONS LOGBOOK

SCHEDULE 3 — MATTERS IN RESPECT OF WHICH ENTRIES ARE TO BE MADE IN THE SUBMERSIBLE CRAFT PILOT'S LOGBOOK

SCHEDULE 4 — PARTICULARS OF A CASUALTY

1. The date and time of the casualty.
2. Where the casualty occurred on board the submersible craft, the...
3. Where the casualty occurred other than on board the submersible...
4. A description of the casualty, and of any submersible operation...
5. A description of any damage sustained by the submersible craft...
6. The name of any person killed, lost or injured in...
7. The name and address of any witness to the casualty...

SCHEDULE 5 — MODIFICATION OF ENACTMENTS

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I.

SECTION 728 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1894

II.

SECTIONS 55 TO 58 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1970

1. Wherever the words“this Act” occurs there shall be substituted“this Act...
2. For section 55 there shall be substituted— (Where any casualty...
3. In section 56(1) the words“and if any question as to...
4. In section 58(1) the words“for the conduct of inquiries under...

III.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (FORMAL INVESTIGATIONS) RULES 1985

1. For the words“shipping casualty” and“shipping casualties” wherever they appear there...
2. For rule 12 there shall be substituted— At the end of the formal investigation the wreck commissioner...

Explanatory Note