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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 3**

**The Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1992**

**PART I  
GENERAL**

**Citation, commencement and revocation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1992 and shall come into force on 1st February 1992.

(2) The Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1980(1), the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1981(2), the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1984(3), the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1984(4), the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1985(5) and the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1986(6) are hereby revoked.

(3) In these Regulations the following expressions have the following meanings—

“1949 Act” means the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949(7);

“cargo ship” means a ship other than a passenger ship;

“certificated radio operator” means a person qualified as specified in regulation 16(2), as a VHF radiotelephone operator, radiotelephone operator or radio officer;

“fishing vessel” means a vessel which is for the time being employed in sea fishing, but does not include a vessel used otherwise than for profit;

“GMDSS” means the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System;

“GMDSS ship” means a ship to which Part II of these Regulations applies;

“interference” has the same meaning as in the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949(8);

“non-GMDSS ship” means any ship other than a GMDSS ship;

“Organisation” means the International Maritime Organisation;

“passenger ship” means a ship carrying more than 12 passengers;

“pleasure craft” means a vessel (other than a passenger ship) primarily used for sport or recreation;

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(1) S.I. 1980/529.  
(2) S.I. 1981/582.  
(3) S.I. 1984/346.  
(4) S.I. 1984/1223.  
(5) S.I. 1985/1216.  
(6) S.I. 1986/1075.  
(7) 1949 c. 43.  
(8) 1949 c. 54.

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“radio installation” means any radio installation provided on board a ship in compliance with these Regulations, including its associated antennas, inter-connecting circuits and, where appropriate, sources of electrical energy;

“Radio Regulations” means the Radio Regulations annexed to, or regarded as being annexed to, the International Telecommunication Convention 1973 and includes any amendment thereto which the Secretary of State considers relevant from time to time and specifies in a Merchant Shipping Notice;

“Safety Convention” means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974<sup>(9)</sup>;

“tons” means gross tons and shall be—

- (a) for a ship having alternative gross tonnage under paragraph 13 of Schedule 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations 1982<sup>(10)</sup>, the larger of those tonnages and
- (b) for a ship having its tonnage determined both under Part II and regulation 16 of those Regulations its gross tonnage as determined under regulation 16.

(4) Any reference to a Merchant Shipping Notice includes a reference to that Merchant Shipping Notice as amended or replaced from time to time by a subsequent Merchant Shipping Notice.

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<sup>(9)</sup> Cmnd. 7874.  
<sup>(10)</sup> S.I. 1982/841.