
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Merchant Shipping (Diving Safety) Regulations 2002

Duties of diving contractor

8.—(1) The diving contractor shall ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that a diving project in respect of which he is diving contractor is planned, managed and conducted in a manner which protects the health and safety of all persons taking part in the project.

(2) The diving contractor shall ensure:

- (a) that there are sufficient competent persons to carry out safely and without risk to health both the diving project and any action (including giving first aid) which may be necessary in a reasonably foreseeable emergency connected with the diving project,
- (b) that suitable and sufficient diving plant and equipment are available whenever needed to carry out safely and without risk to health both the diving project and any action (including the giving of first aid) which may be necessary in a reasonably foreseeable emergency connected with the diving project,
- (c) that the plant and equipment made available under sub-paragraph (b) are maintained in a safe working condition,
- (d) so far as is reasonably practicable, that any person taking part in the diving project complies with the requirements imposed on him by these Regulations and the provisions of the diving project plan applicable to him,
- (e) that a record in accordance with the requirements of Merchant Shipping Notice 1762 (M) +(F) is kept for each diving operation which forms part of the diving project and shall retain the record in his possession or control for at least two years after the date of the last entry in it.