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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 2110**

**The Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring  
and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004**

**PART 4**

**INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS AT SEA**

**Obligations of shipowners in relation to accidents and incidents**

**15.**—(1) When the owner of a ship is informed by the master of that ship of an accident or incident at sea either in accordance with the ISM Code or in accordance with regulation 14 that owner—

- (a) shall inform the relevant authority immediately of the accident or incident; and
- (b) shall give such assistance as may be reasonably required by the relevant authority.

(2) In this regulation—

- (a) “coastal authority” means—
  - (i) a person or body who provides a VTS,
  - (ii) a person or body who is responsible for a mandatory reporting system approved by the IMO, or
  - (iii) a person or body who is responsible for the co-ordination of search and rescue operations at sea or the co-ordination of operations to deal with pollution at sea; and
- (b) “the relevant authority” means—
  - (i) Her Majesty’s Coastguard, where the accident or incident occurs in United Kingdom waters, or
  - (ii) the coastal authority of the EEA State, other than the United Kingdom, in whose territorial waters the accident or incident occurred.