
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 620

**The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution
by Sewage from Ships) Regulations 2020**

PART 4

Survey and Certification of Ships

Prohibition on non-United Kingdom ships proceeding to sea without a Sewage Certificate or appropriate documentation

12.—(1) A Contracting State ship must not proceed to sea from a port in the United Kingdom unless—

- (a) a Sewage Certificate has been issued pursuant to Annex IV in respect of that ship and is still valid;
- (b) a surveyor is satisfied that the ship can proceed to sea without presenting an unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment; or
- (c) a person having powers to detain the ship has permitted the ship to proceed to sea for the purposes of proceeding to the nearest appropriate repair yard available.

(2) A ship which is not a United Kingdom ship or a Contracting State ship must not proceed to sea from a port in the United Kingdom unless—

- (a) a surveyor is satisfied that the ship can proceed to sea without presenting an unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment; or
- (b) a person having powers to detain the ship has permitted the ship to proceed to sea for the purposes of proceeding to the nearest appropriate repair yard available.

(3) A ship to which sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (c) or paragraph (2) applies must not proceed to sea unless documentation has been issued in respect of that ship which is still valid and shows that—

- (a) an initial survey or a renewal survey has been carried out in respect of the ship; and
- (b) either—
 - (i) a surveyor is satisfied that the ship can proceed to sea without presenting an unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment; or
 - (ii) a person having powers to detain the ship has permitted the ship to proceed to sea for the purposes of proceeding to the nearest appropriate repair yard available.