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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 984**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping (Inspections of Ro-Ro Passenger Ships and High-Speed Passenger Craft) Regulations 2023**

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**THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (INSPECTIONS  
OF RO-RO PASSENGER SHIPS AND HIGH-  
SPEED PASSENGER CRAFT) REGULATIONS 2023**

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SCHEDULE 1 — Minimum criteria for an inspector

1. (1) The Secretary of State is satisfied that an inspector—...
2. An inspector must, as a minimum, have either—
3. An inspector must have— (a) completed a minimum of one...
4. An inspector who meets the criteria set out in paragraph...
5. An inspector must have the ability to communicate orally and...
6. The Secretary of State is satisfied that an inspector has...

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SCHEDULE 2 — Pre-commencement inspections and regular inspections

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1. The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2000
2. The Merchant Shipping (Updating of References to Maritime Conventions) Regulations 2004
3. The Merchant Shipping (Ro-Ro Passenger Ships) (Stability) Regulations 2004
4. The Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2018

Explanatory Note