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## **Amendment to Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998: Exemptions**

**Notice to all Shipowners, Shipbuilders, Masters, Certifying Authorities and Surveyors**

*This notice amends MSN 1670(M)*

*Amendment 1*

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### **Summary**

This Notice amends MSN 1670(M) to reflect the changes brought about by the Merchant Shipping (Safety Standards for Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019.

The Notice also corrects one error in Schedule 1 of the original version of MSN 1670(M).

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This MSN forms an integral part of the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/1011) and the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Large Ships) Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/1012) as amended, and is given statutory force by virtue of the reference to it in those regulations.
- 1.2 As a result of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Standards for Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2019, which implemented legislative changes arising from the review of standards for older domestic passenger vessels, the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998 have been amended. As a result, the extent to which the amended Regulations apply to domestic passenger ships constructed before 26th May 1965 has changed.
- 1.3 This MSN Amendment makes changes to the Table in Schedule 1 which relates to fire protection exemptions for small ships constructed before 26th May 1965. This MSN also corrects an error in the title of one of the columns in that Table.



## 2. Amendments to the final Table in Schedule 1 to MSN 1670(M)

2.1 Annex A shows an amended version of the final Table in Schedule 1 of the original MSN 1670(M), which is entitled “Small Ships”.

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Column 1 (Class of Ship)	Column 2 (Provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998 from which exemption is not given)
Passenger ships of Class III of 21.34 metres in length or over	regulation 9 (firemen's outfits)
Passenger Ships of Class III, IV, V and VI and VI(A)	regulation 5A (fire detection system)
Passenger Ships of Class III, irrespective of the age of the ship	regulation 8 (fixed fire-extinguishing system)
Passenger ships of Class IV and V, irrespective of the age of the ship	regulation 8 (non-portable fire extinguishers in spaces containing oil-fired boilers or oil burning equipment) and regulation 35
Passenger Ships of Class III, IV, V, VI and VI(A)	paragraphs 10 and 11 in Schedule 8 of Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1665 (M)
Ships of Class VII and VII(A) of under 500 tons	regulation 8A
Ships of Classes VIII, VIII(A), IX, IX(A) and XI of 150 tons or over but under 500 tons	<p>regulation 17(2)(d) in so far as it requires the provision of fire hoses, and regulation 32(1),(2) and (3)</p> <p>paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 in Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1665 (M) (availability of water supply when operating with unmanned machinery spaces)</p>
Ships of Classes VIII, VIII(A), IX, IX(A) and XI of 150 tons or over but under 500 tons	regulation 17(6) (fire extinguishers in machinery spaces containing internal combustion type machinery) and regulation 35



of under 150 tons

regulation 20(5) (additional  
requirement for ships of wooden  
construction)

Ships of Class XII of 150 tons or  
over but under 500 tons

regulation 8 inclusive (fixed fire extinguishing  
installation and fire  
extinguishers for machinery spaces as  
above)

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