



Maritime and Coastguard Agency

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### Implementation of Council Directive 96/29 EURATOM

Notice to Owners, Operators and Managers of Ships, Inland Waterways Craft and Fishing Vessels, Masters, Officers and Ratings of Merchant Ships, and Skippers and Crew of Fishing Vessels and Persons-in-Charge of Inland Waterway Craft.

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#### *Summary*

This Marine Guidance Note draws attention to the obligations under several statutory regulations to ensure compliance with Council Directive 96/29 Euratom of 13 May 1996 laying down basic safety standards for the protection and health of workers and the general public against the dangers arising from ionising radiation.

- 1 Council directive 96/29 EURATOM of 13 May 1996 lays down basic safety standards for the protection of health of workers and the general public against the dangers arising from ionising radiation from among other activities, those involved in the transport of radioactive materials and equipment giving rise to ionising radiation.
2. Full compliance with the statutory regulations listed below will ensure compliance with the detailed requirements of the Directive as they apply to Owners, Operators and Managers, Masters, Skippers, Officers, Ratings and Crew of merchant ships, inland waterways craft, and fishing vessels in waters of the United Kingdom and on United Kingdom ships anywhere in the world.
  - (a) The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods and Marine Pollutants) Regulations 1997 SI 1997 No 2367 in particular regulation 6 and 10.
  - (b) The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997 SI 1997 No 2962
  - (c) The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Employment of Young Persons) Regulations 1998 SI 1998 No.2411
  - (d) The Merchant Shipping (International Safety Management (ISM) Code) Regulations 1998 SI 1998 No. 1561 particularly regulation 4 and the consequent ISM Code provisions
  - (e) The Merchant Shipping (Reporting Requirements for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods of Polluting Goods) Regulations 1995 SI 1995 No. 2498 as amended in 1999 by SI 1999 No. 2121.
3. It should be noted that only isotopes of radioactive material listed in the Dangerous Goods List of the IMDG Code are permitted for transport by sea. If the transport of any other isotopes of radioactive material is to be considered, MCA should be consulted in good time to ensure that any international consultations necessary may be completed to enable such a cargo to be carried by ship.
4. Copies of the Regulations are available from the Stationery Office Publications Centre, PO Box 276, London, SW8 5DT. (Telephone numbers: for orders 020 7873 9090; for enquiries 020 7873 0011; fax 020 7873 8200). Copies may also be ordered through the Stationery Office's bookshops, its accredited agents (see the Yellow Pages) or from any good bookseller.

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