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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE

MSN 1670(M) Amendment 1 - Amendment to Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998: Exemptions

Notice to all Domestic passenger shipowners, Recognised Organisations, Shipbuilders, Shiprepairers, Ship Masters and Surveyors

This notice amends MSN 1670(M)

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 2022.

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

1. Introduction / background

- 1.1 This MSN forms an integral part of the Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/1011) as amended, 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 2022, 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 which read “Large Ships” instead of “Small Ships”.

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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Annex A

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(1) (fixed fire-extinguishing system)
Passenger ships of Class IV and V, irrespective of the age of the ship	regulation 8(2) (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)
Passenger Ships of Class III, IV, V, VI and VI(A)	regulation 8A

Ships of Class VII and VII(A) of
under 500 tons

regulation 17(2)(d) in so far as it
requires the provision of fire hoses,
and regulation 32(1),(2) and (3)

paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 in
Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1665 (M)
(availability of water supply when
operating with unmanned machinery
spaces)

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