ANNEX D

General Exemption for cargo ships of less than 500 gross tonnage on domestic voyages from the UK concerning Cargo Securing Manuals

The Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Cargoes) Regulations 2024

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his power under Regulation 6(1) of The Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Cargoes) Regulations 2024, hereby exempts any cargo ship of less than 500 gross tonnage engaged on a voyage from the United Kingdom which is a non-international voyage, from the following requirements of Regulation 9(1)(a) (Requirements in relation to ships: owners and masters):

In Chapter VI of the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 ("SOLAS Chapter VI"), the applicable requirements concerning Cargo Securing Manuals under paragraph 6 of regulation 5 (stowage and securing).

Owners and masters of cargo ships to which this exemption applies should note that:

- 1. any other relevant cargo stowage and securing requirements in SOLAS Chapter VI must be complied with; and
- 2. the exemption does not extend to requirements concerning Cargo Securing Manuals contained in other SOLAS Chapters.

This exemption shall remain in force until altered or cancelled in accordance with Regulation 6(4).

Dated 20 May 2024