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To Whom It May Concern

GENERAL EXEMPTION

Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under Section 7(5) of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002 (Statutory Instrument 2002 No. 1473), hereby exempts following ships:

- United Kingdom Passenger Ships of European Union (EU) Class B, C and D; and
- United Kingdom Passenger Ships Not Engaged on International Voyages, Class III and VI

from Regulation 5(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002 only in respect of the requirement in SOLAS Chapter V, Regulation 20.1.1 to carry a Voyage Data Recorder.

Conditions:

- The ships are engaged only in domestic voyages in sea areas other than those covered by EU Class A, as referred to in Article 4 of Council Directive 98/18/EC of 17 March 1998 on safety rules and standards for passenger ships; and
- the ships are operated in accordance with their Passenger Ship Safety Certificate.

Dated this 19th Day of March 2013.

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For the Secretary of State**