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The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 77(2) and (5), 85(1), (3)(a), (c) to (i), (k), (l) and (n) to (q), and (5) to (7), 86(1)(a) to (d), 302(1) and 306A of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(a), and with the consent of the Treasury.

The Secretary of State has consulted such persons in the United Kingdom as the Secretary of State considers will be affected by the exercise of powers in this instrument in accordance with sections 86(4) and 306(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

PART 1

Preliminary

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027 and come into force on [] 2027.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Amendments and revocations

2.—(1) The amendments listed in Part 1 of the Schedule have effect.

(2) The Regulations listed in the first column of the Table in Part 2 of the Schedule are revoked to the extent specified in the third column of that Table.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations—

“Category A, B, C or D waters” means the waters specified as such in Merchant Shipping Notice 1837 (M) Amendment 3(b) and “Category A, B or C waters” is to be construed accordingly;

“Chapter V” means Chapter V in the Annex to the Convention (relating to safety of navigation)(c);

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- (a) 1995 c. 21. Sections 85 and 86 were amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c. 28), sections 8 and 29(2) and Schedule 7. Section 85 was amended by the British Overseas Territories Act 2002 (c. 8), section 2(3). Section 306A was inserted by the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), section 106. Sections 85 and 86 are applied to hovercraft by the Hovercraft (Applications of Enactments) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1350). There are other amendments but none is relevant.
- (b) Merchant Shipping Notice 1837 (M) Amendment 3 is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/msn-1837-m-amendment-3-categorisation-of-waters/msn-1837-m-amendment-3-categorisation-of-waters>, and in hard copy from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency of Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (telephone 020 3817 2000) and email infoline@mcga.gov.uk.
- (c) Chapter V was revised and replaced by International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution MSC.99(73) (Cm 6001) and has been further amended by IMO Resolutions MSC.123(75) (Cm 6587), MSC.142(77) (Cm 7205), MSC.153(78) (Cm 6387), MSC.170(79) (CP 262), MSC.201(81) (CP 262), MSC.202(81), MSC.282(86) (CP 1400), MSC.308(88), MSC.325(90) (CP 263), MSC.350(92) (CP 263), MSC.496(105), MSC.532(107) and MSC.550(108). The amendments to Chapter V are available in hard copy from the IMO of 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR or from the Maritime and

“Company” means, in relation to a ship, the operator of the ship, who is either—

- (a) the owner; or
- (b) any person who has assumed responsibility for the operation of the ship from the owner;

“Convention” means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974(a);

“Convention country” means a country or territory which is either—

- (a) a country the Government of which is party to the Convention; or
- (b) a territory to which the Convention extends, whether or not it is subject to the amendments to, or reservations in respect of, the Convention;

“fishing vessel” means a ship used for catching fish, whales, seals, walrus or other living resources of the sea;

“gross tonnage” means gross tonnage determined in accordance with regulation 6 or 12(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations 1997(b);

“international voyage” means a voyage between—

- (a) a port in the United Kingdom and a port outside the United Kingdom; or
- (b) a port in another country which is not the United Kingdom and a port in any other country or territory, whether a Convention country or not, which is outside the United Kingdom;

“Merchant Shipping Notice” means a notice described as such and issued by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (an executive agency of the Department for Transport) and includes a reference to any document amending or replacing that notice which is considered by the Secretary of State to be relevant from time to time and is specified in a Merchant Shipping Notice;

“passenger” means a person other than—

- (a) the master and the members of the crew or other persons employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship on the business of that ship; or
- (b) a child under one year of age;

“passenger ship” means a ship which carries more than 12 passengers;

“pleasure vessel” means—

- (a) any vessel which at the time it is being used is—
 - (i) in the case of a vessel wholly owned by—
 - (aa) an individual or individuals, used only for the sport or pleasure of the owner or the immediate family or friends of the owner; or

Coastguard Agency (MCA) of Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton, SO15 1EG (telephone 020 3817 2000 and email vesselstandards@mcga.gov.uk), or found on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office treaties database (<https://treaties.fcdo.gov.uk/responsive/app/consolidatedSearch/>). See the footnote to “Convention” for further information on the Convention. The Resolutions are also available at <https://www.imo.org/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/Pages/MSC.aspx>.

- (a) Cmnd 7874. The Convention was modified by its Protocol of 1978 (Cmnd 8277), which was replaced and abrogated by the Protocol of 1988 (Cm 5044) with respect to the parties to the 1988 Protocol. The Convention may be obtained in hard copy from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR or found on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) treaties database (<https://treaties.fcdo.gov.uk/awweb/pdfopener?md=1&did=79786>), along with the Protocol of 1978 (<https://treaties.fcdo.gov.uk/awweb/pdfopener?md=1&did=68013>) and the Protocol of 1988 (<https://treaties.fcdo.gov.uk/awweb/pdfopener?md=1&did=69573>). The amendments to the Convention are available in hard copy from the IMO of 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR or from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) of Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton, SO15 1EG (telephone 020 3817 2000 and email vesselstandards@mcga.gov.uk), or found on the FCDO treaties database (<https://treaties.fcdo.gov.uk/responsive/app/consolidatedSearch/>). Hard copies of the Command Papers are available for inspection free of charge but by appointment at the Parliamentary Archives, Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0PW. The Parliamentary Archives catalogue numbers for the Command Papers are HL/PO/JO/10/11/2031/2878 (Cmnd 7874), HL/PO/JO/10/11/1959/2032 (Cmnd 8277) and HL/PO/JO/10/11/3156/2280 (Cm 5044).
- (b) S.I. 1997/1510, amended by S.I. 2020/362. There are other amendments but none is relevant.

- (bb) a body corporate, used only for sport or pleasure and on which the persons on board are employees or officers of the body corporate, or their immediate family or friends; and
- (ii) on a voyage or excursion which is one for which the owner does not receive money for or in connection with operating the vessel or carrying any person, other than as a contribution to the direct expenses of the operation of the vessel incurred during the voyage or excursion; or
- (b) any vessel wholly owned by or on behalf of a members' club formed for the purpose of sport or pleasure which, at the time it is being used, is used only for the sport or pleasure of members of that club or their immediate family, and for the use of which any charges levied are paid into club funds and applied for the general use of the club,

where, in the case of any vessel referred to in paragraphs (a) or (b), no other payments are made by or on behalf of users of the vessel, other than by the owner; and in this definition "immediate family" means, in relation to an individual, the spouse or civil partner of the individual, and a relative of the individual or the individual's spouse or civil partner; and "relative" means brother, sister, ancestor or lineal descendant;

"seagoing" means operating outside Category A, B, C or D waters;

"ship" includes hovercraft;

"ship of Class V" means a passenger ship engaged only on voyages in Category A, B or C waters;

"United Kingdom ship" means a United Kingdom ship within the meaning of section 85(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 and "non-United Kingdom ship" is to be construed accordingly.

(2) Any reference in these Regulations to a communication to be given "in writing" includes the provision of such communication by electronic mail, facsimile or other means, which is capable of producing a document containing the text of any communication and in a form sufficiently permanent to be used for subsequent reference.

Application

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), these Regulations apply to—

- (a) United Kingdom ships, wherever they may be; and
- (b) non-United Kingdom ships while they are within United Kingdom waters.

(2) These Regulations do not apply to—

- (a) ships of war and naval auxiliaries;
- (b) ships owned or operated by a State and engaged only on governmental non-commercial service;
- (c) ships solely navigating the Great Lakes of North America and their connecting and tributary waters as far east as the lower exit of the St Lambert Lock at Montreal in the Province of Quebec, Canada;
- (d) ships to which the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships) (Safety Code for UK Categorised Waters) Regulations 2010(a) apply;
- (e) ships to which the Merchant Shipping (Technical Requirements for Inland Waterway Vessels) Regulations 2010(b) apply.

(3) A non-United Kingdom ship flying the flag of a State which is not a party to the Convention is not subject to these Regulations if it would not have been in United Kingdom waters but for stress of weather or any other circumstances which neither the master nor the owner or the charterer could have prevented.

(a) S.I. 2010/680, amended by S.I. 2010/1075, 2011/3056, 2018/1104 and by these Regulations.

(b) S.I. 2010/1075, amended by S.I. 2018/53, 2019/160, 2019/808 and 2020/58.

- (4) Where persons are on board a ship as a consequence of—
- (a) the circumstances described in paragraph (3); or
 - (b) an obligation laid upon the master to carry shipwrecked or other persons^(a),
- those persons are not to be taken into account for the purpose of determining the application to that ship of any provision of these Regulations.

Ambulatory reference

- 5.—(1) In these Regulations, any reference to Chapter V is to be construed—
- (a) as a reference to Chapter V as modified from time to time; and
 - (b) as, if Chapter V is replaced, a reference to the replacement.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), Chapter V is modified or replaced if the modification or replacement takes effect in accordance with Article VIII of the Convention.
- (3) A modification or replacement in Chapter V has effect at the time such modification or replacement comes into force in accordance with Article VIII of the Convention.

Exemptions

- 6.—(1) The Secretary of State may exempt a ship or class of ship without mechanical means of propulsion from any requirement of the following provisions of Chapter V—
- (a) regulation 15 (principles relating to bridge design, design and arrangement of navigational systems and equipment and bridge procedures);
 - (b) regulation 17 (electromagnetic compatibility);
 - (c) regulation 18 (approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorder);
 - (d) regulation 19 (carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment), except paragraph 2.1.7;
 - (e) regulation 20 (voyage data recorders);
 - (f) regulation 22 (navigation bridge visibility);
 - (g) regulation 24 (use of heading and/or track control systems);
 - (h) regulation 25 (operation of steering gear);
 - (i) regulation 26 (steering gear: testing and drills);
 - (j) regulation 27 (nautical charts and nautical publications);
 - (k) regulation 28 (records of navigational activities and daily reporting).
- (2) The Secretary of State may exempt from any requirement of these Regulations a ship engaged on a voyage where—
- (a) the maximum distance of the ship from the shore;
 - (b) the length and nature of the voyage;
 - (c) the absence of general navigational hazards; and
 - (d) other conditions affecting safety,

are, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, such as to render compliance with those requirements unreasonable or unnecessary, taking into account the effect such exemption may have on the safety of other ships.

- (3) Subject to paragraph (4), in circumstances other than the circumstances specified in paragraph (1) or (2), the Secretary of State may exempt a ship or class of ship from any

(a) Regulation 33 in Chapter V places an obligation on the master to provide assistance to persons in distress at sea and this obligation is implemented in these Regulations.

requirement of these Regulations if the Secretary of State is satisfied that compliance with such requirement is either impracticable or unreasonable in the case of that ship or class of ship.

(4) An exemption under paragraph (3) may be granted only where the exemption is compatible with the requirements of Chapter I or Chapter V, as the case may be.

(5) The Secretary of State may exempt a maritime autonomous surface ship from any requirement of these Regulations if the Secretary of State is satisfied that the ship cannot, by reason of its inherent characteristics, comply with such requirement.

(6) An exemption under paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (5) may be granted subject to such terms as the Secretary of State considers fit to ensure the safety of the ship or class of ship.

(7) An exemption granted under paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (5) may, on the giving of reasonable notice, be altered or cancelled.

(8) An exemption granted under paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (5), or an alteration or cancellation under paragraph (7), must—

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) specify the date on which it takes effect; and
- (c) specify the terms, if any, on which it is given.

(9) Where an exemption is granted subject to terms specified by the Secretary of State, the exemption ceases to have effect if any of those terms is not complied with.

(10) For the purposes of this regulation—

“any requirement of these Regulations” includes any requirement of Chapter V applicable to a ship under these Regulations;

“Chapter I” means Chapter I(a) in the Annex to the Convention;

“maritime autonomous surface ship” means a ship which is capable of operating, in whole or in part, independently of human interaction.

Equivalents

7.—(1) Where these Regulations require that—

- (a) a particular fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or a type of fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, be fitted on, or carried in, a ship;
- (b) any particular arrangement be made on, or in relation to, a ship; or
- (c) any particular provision be made in relation to a ship,

the Secretary of State may approve any other fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, arrangement or other provision if the Secretary of State is satisfied that it is at least as effective as that required by these Regulations.

(2) The Secretary of State may approve a measure which provides partial or conditional compliance with a requirement mentioned in paragraph (1) in respect of a ship engaged on a voyage where—

- (a) the maximum distance of the ship from the shore;
- (b) the length and nature of the voyage;
- (c) the absence of general navigational hazards; and
- (d) other conditions affecting safety,

make, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, compliance with these Regulations unreasonable or unnecessary, taking into account the effect such an approval may have on the safety of other ships.

(3) An approval under paragraph (1) or (2) may be granted subject to such conditions as the Secretary of State considers fit to ensure the safety of the ship or class of ship.

(a) Chapter I has not been amended.

(4) An approval given under paragraph (1) or (2) may, on the giving of reasonable notice, be continued, altered or cancelled.

(5) Any approval given under paragraph (1) or (2), or a continuation, alteration or cancellation under paragraph (4), must—

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) specify the date on which it takes effect; and
- (c) specify the conditions, if any, on which it is given.

(6) For the purposes of this regulation, a reference to “these Regulations” is to be interpreted as including a reference to any requirement of Chapter V applicable to a ship under these Regulations.

Approvals

8.—(1) The Secretary of State, or any person authorised by the Secretary of State, may give an approval in relation to a United Kingdom ship for anything in Chapter V which provides that it must be—

- (a) approved by the Administration of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly;
- (b) done to the satisfaction of that Administration; or
- (c) acceptable to that Administration^(a).

(2) An approval given under paragraph (1) may, on the giving of reasonable notice, be continued, altered or cancelled.

(3) Any approval given under paragraph (1), or a continuation, alteration or cancellation under paragraph (2), must—

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) specify the date on which it takes effect; and
- (c) specify the terms, if any, on which it is given.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), “approved” includes any requirement in Chapter V for the Administration to provide its consent in relation to a requirement other than in the circumstances mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) or (c).

PART 2

Safety of navigation requirements

Navigational arrangements

9.—(1) A ship must comply with each requirement of the following provisions in Chapter V applicable to it—

- (a) paragraph 1 in regulation 6 (Ice Patrol services);
- (b) paragraph 3 in regulation 7 (on board plan for cooperation with search and rescue services);
- (c) paragraph 7 in regulation 10 (use of ships’ routing system adopted by the International Maritime Organization);
- (d) paragraphs 1 and 7 in regulation 11 (use of ship reporting systems);

(a) The circumstances in which the approval of the Secretary of State is required in relation to United Kingdom ships, and how this is exercised, are set out in Marine Guidance Note (MGN) 610 (M+F) Amendment 2; this is available on <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/marine-guidance-notice-mgns> and in hard copy from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) of Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (telephone 020 3817 2000 and email vesselstandards@mca.gov.uk).

- (e) paragraphs 3 and 4 in regulation 14 (ships' manning: on board language requirements);
- (f) regulation 15 (principles relating to bridge design, design and arrangement of navigational systems and equipment and bridge procedures); and
- (g) paragraphs 2 and 3 in regulation 17 (electromagnetic compatibility).

(2) An owner and master of a ship must ensure that adequate arrangements are in place for the purpose of maintaining the performance of the equipment required by these Regulations.

(3) All reasonable steps must be taken by the owner and master to maintain the equipment referred to in paragraph (2) in efficient working order.

(4) Where—

- (a) the requirement in paragraph (3); and
- (b) the condition referred to in paragraph (5),

have been met, a ship may sail with malfunctions of the equipment referred to in paragraph (2).

(5) The condition referred to in paragraph (4) is that the master must make suitable arrangements to take the malfunctioning equipment referred to in that paragraph into account when planning and executing a safe voyage to a port where repairs can take place.

Approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorders

10.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a ship must comply with each requirement of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 of regulation 18 in Chapter V (approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorders) applicable to it.

(2) A ship of a type specified in this paragraph is not required to comply with the requirements of paragraphs 1 to 3 and 7 to 9 of regulation 18 in Chapter V—

- (a) a high speed craft to which the Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2022(a) apply; or
- (b) a ship of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage, in so far as the requirements of those paragraphs relate to systems and equipment regulated by regulations 19 (carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment) and 20 (voyage data recorders) in Chapter V.

Carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment

11.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (5), a ship must comply with each requirement of regulation 19 in Chapter V (carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment) applicable to it.

(2) A ship, other than a passenger ship, which is—

- (a) of at least 300 gross tonnage but less than 500 gross tonnage;
- (b) seagoing; and
- (c) not engaged on international voyages,

must comply with each requirement of paragraph 2.4 of regulation 19 (automatic identification system) applicable to it as if it were a ship of 500 gross tonnage or more.

(3) A ship of a type specified in this paragraph is not required to comply with the requirements of regulation 19 in Chapter V—

- (a) a high speed craft to which the Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2022 apply;
- (b) a fishing vessel, except for paragraph 2.4 in the case of a fishing vessel of 15 metres or more in length overall which is not a United Kingdom ship;

(a) S.I. 2022/1219, amended by S.I. 2023/1216, 2025/1195 and 2025/1298.

- (c) a pleasure vessel of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage, except for paragraph 2.1.7 of regulation 19 in Chapter V (requirement for radar reflector); or
- (d) (i) a ship which is—
 - (aa) not a passenger ship; and
 - (bb) not seagoing; or
 (ii) a ship of Class V,

except for paragraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.4 and 2.1.6 to 2.1.8.
- (4) A ship of a type specified in this paragraph is not required to comply with the requirements of paragraph 2.2.3 of regulation 19 in Chapter V (bridge navigational watch alarm system)—
 - (a) a ship of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage; or
 - (b) a ship of less than 500 gross tonnage which are not engaged on international voyages.
- (5) A ship of a type specified in this paragraph is not required to comply with the requirements of paragraph 2.4 of regulation 19 in Chapter V—
 - (a) a ship of Class IV; or
 - (b) subject to paragraph (3)(d)(ii), any other passenger ship which is—
 - (i) below 300 gross tonnage; and
 - (ii) not engaged on international voyages.
- (6) For the purposes of this regulation—

“length overall” means the distance between the foreside of the foremost fixed permanent structure and the afterside of the aftermost fixed permanent structure; and

“ship of Class IV” means a passenger ship engaged only on voyages in Category A, B, C or D waters.

Tracking of ships, voyage data recorders and navigational aids

- 12.—**(1) A ship must comply with each requirement of paragraphs 4 to 7 of regulation 19-1 in Chapter V (long-range identification and tracking of ships) applicable to it.
- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), a ship must comply with each requirement of regulation 20 in Chapter V (voyage data recorders) applicable to it.
- (3) A high speed craft to which the Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2022 apply is not required to comply with any requirements of regulation 20 in Chapter V.
- (4) Subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), a ship must comply with each requirement of regulation 21 in Chapter V (International Code of Signals and International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual) applicable to it.
- (5) A ship of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage is not required to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) of regulation 21 in Chapter V (requirement to carry the International Code of Signals).
- (6) A ship of a type specified in this paragraph is not required to comply with paragraph (2) of regulation 21 in Chapter V (requirement to carry an up-to-date copy of Volume III of the IAMSAR Manual)—
 - (a) a ship of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage;
 - (b) a ship of less than 500 gross tonnage which is not engaged on international voyages; or
 - (c) a fishing vessel.
- (7) A ship must comply with each requirement of regulation 22 in Chapter V (navigation bridge visibility) applicable to it.

Pilot transfer arrangements

13.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a ship must comply with each requirement of regulation 23(a) in Chapter V (pilot transfer arrangements) applicable to it.

(2) A ship of a type specified in this paragraph is not required to comply with any of the requirements of regulation 23 in Chapter V—

- (a) a ship of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage;
- (b) a ship of less than 500 gross tonnage which are not engaged on international voyages; or
- (c) a fishing vessel.

Operational requirements

14.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a ship must comply with each requirement of the following provisions in Chapter V applicable to it—

- (a) regulation 24 (use of heading and track control systems);
- (b) regulation 25 (operation of steering gear); and
- (c) regulation 26 (steering gear: testing and drills).

(2) A ship of a type specified in this paragraph is not required to comply with any of the requirements of regulations 24 to 26 in Chapter V—

- (a) a pleasure vessel of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage; or
- (b) a ship which is not seagoing.

(3) The requirements of regulations 24 to 26 in Chapter V are subject to any rules made by an appropriate authority with respect to roadsteads, harbours, rivers, lakes or inland waterways connected with the high seas and navigable by seagoing ships.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), a ship must comply with each requirement of regulation 27 in Chapter V (nautical charts and nautical publications) applicable to it.

(5) A ship of a type specified in this paragraph is not required to comply with any of the requirements of regulation 27 in Chapter V—

- (a) a pleasure vessel of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage;
- (b) a ship which is not a passenger ship and which is not seagoing; and
- (c) a ship of Class V.

(6) Subject to paragraph (7), a ship must comply with each requirement of regulation 28 in Chapter V (records of navigational activities and daily reporting) applicable to it.

(7) A ship of less than 150 gross tonnage engaged on any voyage is not required to comply with the requirements of regulation 28 in Chapter V.

(8) A ship must comply with each requirement of the following provisions in Chapter V applicable to it—

- (a) regulation 29 (life-saving signals to be used by ships, aircraft or persons in distress); and
- (b) regulation 30 (operational limitations).

(a) Amendments to regulation 23 in Chapter V were adopted by International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution MSC.572(110) on 26th June 2025, which also contain provision to make the performance standards for pilot transfer arrangements in IMO Resolution MSC.576(110) mandatory. If the amendments are accepted in accordance with the Convention amendment procedure by 1st July 2027, they will come into force internationally on 1st January 2028. As regulation 5 of these Regulations operates to make the reference to regulation 23 ambulatory, the amendments will also take effect under these Regulations at the same time. Once certified, MSC.572(110) and MSC.576(110) will be available at <https://www.imo.org/en/knowledgecentre/indexofimoresolutions/pages/msc-2024-25.aspx>; in the meantime they can be obtained in hard copy from the IMO of 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR or from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) of Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton, SO15 1EG (telephone 020 3817 2000 and email vesselstandards@mca.gov.uk).

(9) For the purposes of paragraph (3), “appropriate authority” means a person who is empowered by law to make rules for roadsteads, harbours, rivers, lakes or inland waterways connected with the high seas and navigable by seagoing ships.

Danger messages and distress situations

15. A ship must comply with each requirement of the following provisions in Chapter V applicable to it—

- (a) paragraphs 1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.4 and 5 of regulation 31 (danger messages);
- (b) paragraphs 1 to 3, 5 and 6 of regulation 32 (information required in danger messages);
- (c) paragraphs 1, 2 and 6 of regulation 33 (distress situations: obligations and procedures);
- (d) regulation 34 (safe navigation and avoidance of dangerous situations);
- (e) regulation 34-1 (master’s discretion); and
- (f) regulation 35 (misuse of distress signals).

PART 3

Enforcement

Offences in respect of which a sentence of imprisonment or a fine may be imposed

16.—(1) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the owner and master in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 9(2) and (3) (requirement to maintain equipment);
- (b) regulation 10(1), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraphs 1 to 3 and 7 of regulation 18 in Chapter V (approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorders);
- (c) regulation 11(1) (carriage requirements for shipborne navigational systems and equipment);
- (d) regulation 12(2) (voyage data recorders);
- (e) regulation 14(8)(b) (operational limitations).

(2) Any contravention of regulation 9(1)(b) (requirement for passenger ships engaged on international voyages to develop and have on board plan for cooperation with search and rescue services), other than the contravention set out in paragraph (7)(a), is an offence by the owner, master and company in respect of each case of non-compliance.

(3) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the master in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 9(1)(d) (requirement to use ship reporting systems);
- (b) regulation 14(6) (requirement to keep on board record of navigational activities and incidents), except in so far as it requires a Company to retain the daily reports referred to in paragraph 2 of regulation 28 in Chapter V (records of navigational activities and daily reporting) for the duration of the ship’s voyage;
- (c) regulation 15(a) (danger messages), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraphs 1, 2.1 and 2.4 of regulation 31 in Chapter V (danger messages: communication of information on dangerous situations and on loss of freight containers);
- (d) regulation 15(c) (distress situations: obligations and procedures);
- (e) regulation 15(d) (safe navigation and avoidance of dangerous situations).

(4) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the master and any person directed to undertake tasks, in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 14(1)(a) (use of heading and track control systems);

- (b) regulation 14(1)(b) (operation of steering gear);
- (c) regulation 14(1)(c) (steering gear: testing and drills), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraphs 1, 2, 3.2 and 4 to 6 of regulation 26 in Chapter V (steering gear: testing and drills).

(5) Any contravention of regulation 15(e) (master's discretion) is an offence by the owner, charterer, Company and any other person responsible in respect of each case of non-compliance.

(6) Any contravention of regulation 15(f) (misuse of distress signals) is an offence by the person responsible in respect of each case of non-compliance.

(7) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the Company in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 9(1)(b), in so far as it requires a Company to develop a plan for cooperation with search and rescue services;
- (b) regulation 15(a), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraph 2.2 of regulation 31 in Chapter V (danger messages: loss of freight containers).

(8) An offence under this regulation is punishable—

- (a) on summary conviction—
 - (i) in England and Wales, by a fine; or
 - (ii) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, by a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or a fine, or both.

Offences in respect of which a fine only may be imposed

17.—(1) Any contravention of regulation 9(1)(e) (ships' manning: on board requirements), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraph 3 of regulation 14 in Chapter V (establishment of a working language on board), is an offence by the owner, master and Company in respect of each case of non-compliance.

(2) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the owner and master in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 9(1)(e), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraph 4 of regulation 14 in Chapter V (English to be used as a working language on the bridge on certain ships engaged on international voyages);
- (b) regulation 10(1), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraphs 8 and 9 of regulation 18 in Chapter V (approval, surveys and performance standards of navigational systems and equipment and voyage data recorders);
- (c) regulation 12(1) (long-range identification and tracking of ships).

(3) Any contravention of regulation 9(1)(g), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraph 2 of regulation 17 in Chapter V (electromagnetic compatibility), is an offence by the owner in respect of each case of non-compliance.

(4) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the owner, master and any other person responsible in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 9(1)(c) (requirement to use a ships' routing system adopted by the International Maritime Organization);
- (b) regulation 13(1) (pilot transfer arrangements).

(5) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the master in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 9(1)(a) (requirement to use Ice Patrol services);
- (b) regulation 9(1)(g), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraph 3 of regulation 17 in Chapter V.

(6) Any contravention of regulation 14(6) (records of navigational activities and daily reporting), in so far as it requires a Company to retain the daily reports referred to in paragraph 2 of regulation 28 in Chapter V (records of navigational activities and daily reporting) for the duration of the ship's voyage, is an offence by the Company in respect of each case of non-compliance.

(7) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the master and any other person responsible in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 15(a) (danger messages), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraph 5 of regulation 31 in Chapter V (danger messages: use of safety signal);
- (b) regulation 15(b) (information required in danger messages).

(8) An offence under this regulation is punishable—

- (a) on summary conviction—
 - (i) in England and Wales, by a fine; or
 - (ii) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, by a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
- (b) on conviction on indictment, by a fine.

Offences in respect of which a fine may be imposed on summary conviction only

18.—(1) Any contravention of the following regulations is an offence by the owner and master in respect of each case of non-compliance—

- (a) regulation 12(4) (International Code of Signals and IAMSAR Manual);
- (b) regulation 12(7) (navigation bridge visibility);
- (c) regulation 14(1)(c) (steering gear: testing and drills), in so far as it requires compliance with paragraph 3.1 in regulation 26 of Chapter V (requirement to display steering gear changeover procedures on navigation bridge);
- (d) regulation 14(4) (nautical charts and nautical publications);
- (e) regulation 14(8)(a) (life-saving signals to be used by ships, aircraft or persons in distress).

(2) An offence under this regulation is punishable on summary conviction—

- (a) in England and Wales, by a fine; or
- (b) in Scotland or Northern Ireland, by a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.

Detention

19.—(1) For the purposes of this regulation, any reference to “the Act” is a reference to the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

(2) Where a person mentioned in section 284(1) of the Act has clear grounds for believing that there is a contravention of any of the requirements of these Regulations in relation to a ship, the ship may be detained in the United Kingdom.

(3) Section 284 of the Act (enforcing detention of ship)(a) applies where a ship is liable to be detained under this regulation as if—

- (a) references to detention of a ship under the Act were references to detention of the ship in question under this regulation; and
- (b) subsection (7) were omitted.

(4) Where a ship is liable to be detained under this regulation, the person detaining the ship must serve on the master a detention notice which—

- (a) states the grounds of the detention; and

(a) Section 284 was amended by Schedule 1 to the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c. 28) and S.I. 2015/664.

(b) requires the terms of the notice to be complied with until the ship is released by any person mentioned in section 284(1) of the Act.

(5) Subject to paragraph (6), section 96 (references of detention notices to arbitration)(a) and section 97 (compensation in connection with invalid detention of a ship) of the Act apply in relation to a detention notice issued pursuant to this regulation as they apply in relation to detention notices issued pursuant to section 95 (power to detain dangerously unsafe ship)(b).

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (5)—

(a) section 96 of the Act applies as if—

(i) subsection (3) were omitted;

(ii) the words “as a dangerously unsafe ship” in subsection (5) were omitted;

(iii) subsection (11) were omitted; and

(b) sections 96 and 97 of the Act apply as if “the relevant inspector” means a person issuing the detention notice pursuant to this regulation.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8), where a ship other than a United Kingdom ship is detained, the Secretary of State must immediately inform the ship’s flag administration in writing.

(8) If it is not possible to inform the ship’s flag administration in accordance with paragraph (7), the Secretary of State must inform the Consul of the State of the flag administration, or in the absence of a Consul, the nearest diplomatic representative of the State of the flag administration.

(9) For the purposes of this regulation, the reference to a contravention of any of the requirements of these Regulations includes any contravention of Chapter V.

(10) For the purposes of paragraphs (7) and (8), “flag administration” in relation to a ship means the administration of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Date

Name
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

We consent to the making of these Regulations

Date

Name
Name
Two of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty’s Treasury

(a) Section 96(7) was amended by Part 1 of Schedule 10 to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15) and by Schedule 11 to the Constitutional Reform Act 2005 (c. 4). Section 96(10) was repealed by Schedule 4 to the Arbitration Act 1996 (c. 23).

(b) Section 95 was amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c. 28), Schedule 1, paragraph 2.

PART 1

Amendments

The Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) Regulations 1981

1. The Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) Regulations 1981(a) are amended as follows.
2. In regulation 1(2), in the definition of “the Safety of Navigation Regulations”, for “the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020” substitute “the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027(b).
3. In the Schedule, in Part I, Column 1—
 - (a) omit entry number 24; and
 - (b) in entry number 25, for “regulation 5(2) of the Safety of Navigation Regulations”, substitute “regulation 14(1)(c) of the Safety of Navigation Regulations”.

The Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations (c)1981

4. The Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1981 are amended as follows.
5. In regulation 1(2), in the definition of “the Safety of Navigation Regulations”, for “the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020” substitute “the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027.
6. In the Schedule, in Part I, Column 1—
 - (a) omit entry number 20; and
 - (b) in entry number 21, for “regulation 5(2) of the Safety of Navigation Regulations”, substitute “regulation 14(1)(c) of the Safety of Navigation Regulations”.

The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2000

7. The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2000(d) are amended as follows.
8. In regulation 6 (safety requirements)—
 - (a) in paragraph (1), at the end, insert “, other than the safety requirements relating to SOLAS Chapter V”; and
 - (b) at the end, insert—

“(6) For the purposes of this regulation—

 - (a) in paragraph (1) and sub-paragraph (b), “safety requirements relating to SOLAS Chapter V” means the requirements prescribed by paragraph 1(b) in Article 6 of the Directive relating to SOLAS Chapter V but does not include the requirements of paragraph 7 of Chapter I in Section 1 of Annex I to the Directive;
 - (b) in paragraph (4)(a), “requirements of the Directive” does not include the safety requirements relating to SOLAS Chapter V; and

(a) S.I. 1981/569, amended by S.I. 2002/1473 and 2020/673. There are other amendments but none is relevant.

(b) 2027/XXXX.

(c) S.I. 1981/570, amended by S.I. 2002/1473 and 2020/673. There are other amendments but none is relevant.

(d) S.I. 2000/2687, amended by S.I. 2003/771, 2004/2883, 2012/2636 and 2020/1222. There are other amendments but none is relevant.

(c) in paragraphs (1) and (4)(a)—

“SOLAS Chapter V” means Chapter V (relating to safety of navigation) in the Annex to SOLAS; and

“SOLAS” means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.”.

The Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004

9. The Merchant Shipping (Vessel Traffic Monitoring and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2004(a) are amended as follows.

10. Omit—

- (a) regulation 8 (installation of automatic identification systems);
- (b) regulation 8A (installation of automatic identification systems on fishing vessels); and
- (c) regulation 9 (operation of automatic identification systems).

11. In regulation 17 (offences), omit—

- (a) paragraph (4) (relating to breach of regulations 8 and 8A); and
- (b) paragraph (5) (relating to breach of regulation 9).

The Merchant Shipping (Bridge Visibility) (Small Passenger Ships) Regulations 2005

12. The Merchant Shipping (Bridge Visibility) (Small Passenger Ships) Regulations 2005(b) are amended as follows.

13. In regulation 2 (interpretation)—

- (a) for the definition of “length”, substitute—
““length” with respect to a ship means the ship’s length overall;”; and
- (b) after the definition of “length”, insert—
““length overall” means the distance between the foreside of the foremost fixed permanent structure and the afterside of the aftermost fixed permanent structure;”.

14. In regulation 3 (application)—

- (a) in paragraph (1), for “less than 45 metres”, substitute “under 55 metres”; and
- (b) in paragraph (3), for “regulation 5(2)(k) of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020(c)”, substitute “regulation 12(7) of the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027”.

The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Work at Height) Regulations 2010

15. The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Work at Height) Regulations 2010(d) are amended as follows.

16. In regulation 5(3)(e) (application of related legislation), for “the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020”, substitute “the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027”.

(a) S.I. 2004/2110, amended by S.I. 2005/1092, 2008/3145, 2011/2616 and 2018/1221. There are other amendments but none is relevant.

(b) S.I. 2005/2286, amended by S.I. 2010/680, 2010/1075 and 2020/673.

(c) S.I. 2020/673, amended by S.I. 2022/1219, 2023/1216, 2025/134, 2025/1195 and revoked by these Regulations.

(d) S.I. 2010/332, amended by S.I. 2020/501 and 2020/673.

The Merchant Shipping Fees Regulations 2018

17. The Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2018(a) are amended as follows.

18. In Schedule 1 (fees under the Merchant Shipping Act 1995), in the table in paragraph 5 (fees for inspections, etc.) of Part 1 (surveys, inspections and applications for exemption)—

- (a) in section F (fishing vessel safety), in the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1981, in the third column, at the end, insert “2027/XXXX”;
- (b) in Section H (radio and navigational equipment)—
 - (i) omit the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020;
 - (ii) at the end—
 - (aa) in the first column, insert “The Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027”;
 - (bb) in the second column, insert “2027/XXXX”;
 - (cc) in the third column, insert “None”;
- (c) in Section I (construction and equipment)—
 - (i) in the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2000, in the third column, at the end, insert “2027/XXXX”;
 - (ii) in the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Bridge Visibility) (Small Passenger Ships) Regulations 2005, in the third column, at the end, insert “2027/XXXX”;
 - (iii) in the entry for the Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2022, in the third column, at the end, insert “2027/XXXX”;
 - (iv) in the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 2023(b), in the third column, at the end, insert “2027/XXXX”;
 - (v) in the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 2025(c), in the third column, for “None” substitute “2027/XXXX”.

The Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 2023

19. The Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 2023 are amended as follows.

20. In Schedule 1—

- (a) omit the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020;
- (b) at the end—
 - (i) in the first column, insert “The Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027”;
 - (ii) in the second column, insert “2027/XXXX”; and
 - (iii) in the third column, insert “The whole instrument”.

The Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 2025

21. The Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 2025 are amended as follows.

(a) S.I. 2018/1104, amended by S.I. 2020/673, 2022/1298, 2023/568, 2023/1216, 2025/134, 2025/1103, 2025/1195, 2025/1280 and 2025/1298. There are other amendments but none is relevant.
(b) S.I. 2023/1216, amended by S.I. 2025/1298.
(c) S.I. 2025/1195.

22. In Schedule 3—

- (a) omit the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020;
- (b) at the end—
 - (i) in the first column, insert “The Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027”;
 - (ii) in the second column, insert “2027/XXXX”; and
 - (iii) in the third column, insert “The whole instrument”.

23. In Schedule 4—

- (a) omit the entry for the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020;
- (b) at the end—
 - (i) in the first column, insert “The Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2027”;
 - (ii) in the second column, insert “2027/XXXX”; and
 - (iii) in the third column, insert “The whole instrument”.

PART 2

Revocations

<i>Regulations revoked</i>	<i>References</i>	<i>Extent of revocation</i>
The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships) (Safety Code for UK Categorised Waters) Regulations 2010	S.I. 2010/680	The entry for the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002(a) in the table in the Schedule
The Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020	S.I. 2020/673	The whole Regulations
The Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2022	S.I. 2022/1219	Paragraphs 26 and 27 of the Schedule
The Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) (Amendment) Regulations 2025	S.I. 2025/134	The whole Regulations
The Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations 2025	S.I. 2025/1195	The entry for the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020 in the table in Schedule 2

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations revoke and replace the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/673) (“the 2020 Regulations”), which implemented the requirements of Chapter V in the Annex to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (“the Convention”), relating to the safety of navigation of ships, into United Kingdom law.

The new Regulations also implement the latest amendments to Chapter V relating to the reporting of the loss of freight containers adopted by International Maritime Organization (IMO) Resolution MSC.550(108), which came into force internationally on 1st January 2026. Other recent

(a) S.I. 2002/1473, revoked by S.I. 2020/673.

amendments to Chapter V relating to a requirement for an electronic inclinometer for containerships and bulk carriers of 3,000 gross tonnage or more constructed on or after 1st January 2026 (in MSC.532(107)) and which also came into force internationally on 1st January 2026, were implemented in the 2020 Regulations as a result of the ambulatory reference provision in those Regulations and that provision is remade in the new Regulations.

The Regulations apply, with certain limited exceptions, to United Kingdom ships and to non-United Kingdom ships when in United Kingdom waters, which includes ships from countries which are not parties to the Convention (regulation 3).

All future amendments to the particular provisions in Chapter V which are cross-referenced in the Regulations will be automatically incorporated into the Regulations as a consequence of the ambulatory reference provision in regulation 5.

The Regulations provide for the granting of exemptions (regulation 6), the approval of equivalents (regulation 7) and the granting of approvals in relation to matters in Chapter V requiring the approval of a party to the Convention (regulation 8).

Part 2 (regulations 9 to 15) prescribes the requirements in Chapter V which apply to ships within the scope of these Regulations, and also contains certain exceptions to those requirements; these exceptions reflect the right of parties to the Convention to exercise the right to derogate from some of the requirements of Chapter V.

Part 3 provides for contravention of the various requirements in Part 2 to be offences and subject to criminal penalties (regulations 16 to 18). In cases of non-compliance with the requirements in Part 2, a ship may also be detained (regulation 19).

Amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/2687) are made in the Schedule to bring ships to which those Regulations apply into scope of the new Regulations. Amendments are also made to the Merchant Shipping (Bridge Visibility) (Small Passenger Ships) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2268) (“the 2005 Regulations”) to increase the threshold for bridge visibility requirements under the 2005 Regulations, which closes a regulatory gap for small passenger ships. Consequential amendments are made to other instruments in the Schedule, including to the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1104).

Marine Guidance Note (MGN) 610 (M+F) Amendment 2 provides guidance on the requirements in Chapter V and how the Secretary of State has chosen to exercise the permitted discretions. MGN 610 (M+F) Amendment 2 is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/marine-guidance-notices-mgns> and in hard copy from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) of Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (telephone 020 3817 2000 and email nautical@mca.gov.uk).

Merchant Shipping Notice 1837 (M) Amendment 3, which is referred to in these Regulations, is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/msn-1837-m-amendment-3-categorisation-of-waters/msn-1837-m-amendment-3-categorisation-of-waters> and in hard copy from the MCA.

The Convention and its Protocol of 1988 may be obtained in hard copy from the International Maritime Organization (IMO), 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR and both are available on the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) treaties database (<https://treaties.fcdo.gov.uk/awweb/pdfopener?md=1&did=79786>: the Convention) and (<https://treaties.fco.gov.uk/awweb/pdfopener?md=1&did=69573>: Protocol of 1988). The text of the IMO Resolutions containing the recent amendments to the Convention may be obtained in hard copy from the IMO or at [https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/MSCResolutions/MSC.532\(107\).pdf](https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/MSCResolutions/MSC.532(107).pdf) and [https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/MSCResolutions/MSC.550\(108\).pdf](https://wwwcdn.imo.org/localresources/en/KnowledgeCentre/IndexofIMOResolutions/MSCResolutions/MSC.550(108).pdf), or on the FCDO treaties database (<https://treaties.fcdo.gov.uk/responsive/app/consolidatedSearch/>).

Future amendments to the Convention and to the Protocol may be obtained in copy from the IMO and, after coming into force in the United Kingdom, found on the FCDO treaties database (<https://treaties.fcdo.gov.uk/responsive/app/consolidatedSearch>). Until such publication is made on the FCDO treaties database, an amendment will be available from the MCA and on <https://www.gov.uk>. An amendment will be publicised in advance of its in-force date by means of a Parliamentary Statement to both Houses of Parliament and by way of a Marine Guidance Note, which will be available in copy from the MCA and on www.gov.uk/government/collections/marine-guidance-notices-mgns.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen. Instead, a de minimis assessment has been prepared and is published alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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