
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 302

The Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2004

High Speed Craft Code

6.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (4), a high speed craft to which these Regulations apply which was constructed on or after 1st January 1996 but before 1st July 2002, or which was constructed before 1st January 1996 and to which repairs, alterations or modifications, or outfitting relating thereto, of a major character were made on or after 1st January 1996 but before 1st July 2002, shall comply with:

- (a) the High Speed Craft Code 1994, and
- (b) the requirements specified in Merchant Shipping Notice M.1672 (which relates to ship inspections and survey organisations) relevant to a high speed craft of its description.

(2) Subject to paragraph (4), a high speed craft to which these Regulations apply which was constructed on or after 1st July 2002, or which was constructed before 1st July 2002 and to which repairs, alterations or modifications, or outfitting relating thereto, of a major character are made on or after 1st July 2002, shall comply with:

- (a) the High Speed Craft Code 2000, and
- (b) the requirements specified in Merchant Shipping Notice M.1672 relevant to a high speed craft of its description.

(3) The requirements specified in Merchant Shipping Notice M.1672 are:

- (a) in relation to craft to which paragraph (1) applies, approved standards relating to construction or maintenance relating to hull, machinery, electrical installations and control installations,
- (b) in relation to craft to which paragraph (2) applies, requirements relating to hull, machinery, electrical installations and control installations which correspond to the requirements of the High-Speed Craft Code 2000.

(4) United Kingdom high speed craft and other high speed craft operating on a scheduled service from any port in the United Kingdom to any port in another Member State, or vice versa, or operating on a voyage which is not an international voyage shall, in so far as it relates to equipment to which the Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations 1999(1) applies, comply with the requirements of those Regulations.

(5) A high speed craft to which these Regulations apply shall, alternatively or additionally (as the case may be) to the requirements of paragraphs (1) to (4) above, comply with such requirements as apply in relation to a craft of its description which:

- (a) relate to the High Speed Craft Code 1994 or the High Speed Craft Code 2000 or to amendments from time to time of one of those Codes,
- (b) relate to all or any of the purposes set out in section 85(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1998 which is considered by the Secretary of State to be relevant from time to time, and

(1) S.I.1999/1957, amended by S.I. 2001/1638.

- (c) are specified as alternative or additional requirements in a Merchant Shipping Notice relate to all or any of the purposes set out in section 85(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1998.