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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2002 No. 1587**

**The Merchant Shipping (Diving Safety) Regulations 2002**

**Certificate of medical fitness to dive**

**15.—(1)** A certificate of medical fitness to dive is a certificate, issued by a medical examiner of divers, which certifies that the person named therein is fit to dive and which states:

- (a) the period (which shall not exceed 12 months) during which the medical examiner of divers issuing the certificate considers the person named therein will remain fit to dive,
- (b) any limitations as to the nature of category of diving to which it relates, and
- (c) any conditions to which it is subject.

(2) A certificate of medical fitness to dive shall not be valid:

- (a) if the diver is not in compliance with any extant limitation or condition stated therein, or
- (b) it has been revoked on medical grounds by any medical examiner of divers.

(3) In this regulation “medical examiner of divers” means:

- (a) a medical practitioner who is, or who falls within a class of medical practitioners which is, for the time being approved in writing by the Health and Safety Executive for the purposes of regulation 15 of the Diving at Work Regulations 1997, or
- (b) in relation to the certification of a person diving from a United Kingdom ship outside United Kingdom waters, a qualified medical practitioner who is competent to examine divers for the purposes of issuing a certificate of medical fitness to dive.