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**MERCHANT SHIPPING****SAFETY**
**The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances)  
 (Second Amendment) Rules 1969**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>20th March 1969</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>28th March 1969</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st May 1969</i>

The Board of Trade in exercise of their powers under section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(a), as substituted by section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949(b) and amended by section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964(c) and as having effect by virtue of the Transfer of Functions (Shipping and Construction of Ships) Order 1965(d), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules shall come into operation on 1st May 1969 and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Second Amendment) Rules 1969.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules 1965(f) as amended (g) shall be further amended as follows:—

(a) in Rule 9(4) the words “at least 70 per cent of” in the penultimate line shall be deleted; and

(b) in Schedule 12, Part I, paragraph 5(d) the following shall be substituted for the final sentence:—

“The sewing shall be carried out with thread of undyed linen yarn having a count of 25 lea, 3 cord reverse twist (resultant Tex count 66), satin finish and complying with the specifications in Clauses 2, 3 and 4 (except subparagraph 4(a)) of British Standards Specification No. BS 4F 34: 1960: for thread of that count.”

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 Board of Trade.

20th March 1969.

(a) 1894 c. 60. (b) 1949 c. 43.  
 (d) S.I. 1965/145 (1965 I, p. 438).  
 (f) S.I. 1965/1105 (1965 II, p. 2940).

(c) 1964 c. 47.  
 (e) 1889 c. 63.  
 (g) The amendment is not relevant to the subject matter of these Rules.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Rules.)*

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules 1965 in two respects :—

(1) They require that ships of Class VI of less than 70 ft. in length and plying not more than 3 nautical miles from their starting point in any direction shall carry liferafts, buoyant apparatus or lifebuoys sufficient for the total number of persons the ship is certified to carry, instead of, as previously, sufficient for only 70% of that total.

(2) The thread for the sewing of kapok lifejackets must now comply with a British Standards Specification.