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PART II

FISHING VESSEL CONSTRUCTION RULES

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NAUTICAL EQUIPMENT

Compasses—requirements for vessel of 45 metres in length and over

66. Every vessel of 45 metres in length and over to which these Rules apply shall be provided with:—

- (a) an efficient standard magnetic compass which shall be mounted in a binnacle and sited on the vessel's centre line in a suitable position from which the view of the horizon is least obstructed; and
- (b) an efficient magnetic steering compass mounted in a binnacle sited on the vessel's centre line at the normal steering position unless a projected or reflected image, or a projected and reflected image, of the standard magnetic compass is provided for this purpose, when the said magnetic steering compass shall be mounted in a binnacle or in a pedestal at the emergency steering position where such emergency steering position is situated above the freeboard deck. Where there is no emergency steering position or where the emergency steering position is not above the freeboard deck the said magnetic steering compass shall not be required if a projected or reflected image, or a projected and reflected image, of the standard magnetic compass is provided at the normal steering position, and either a gyro-compass with repeaters or a transmitting magnetic compass with repeaters having a satisfactory emergency electricity supply is provided. In addition to the said gyro-compass or transmitting magnetic compass, a spare magnetic compass bowl with its gimbal units shall be carried on board so that it may be interchanged with the standard compass if that compass shall become unserviceable. The repeaters required in the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall be so positioned that one is at the normal steering position.

Compasses—requirements for vessels of 12 metres in length and over but less than 45 metres in length

67. Every vessel of 12 metres in length and over but less than 45 metres in length to which these Rules apply shall be provided with at least one efficient standard magnetic compass mounted in a binnacle and so fitted that a projected or reflected image, or a projected and reflected image, of the said compass is positioned near the normal steering position, except that in a vessel of less than 24.4 metres in length the compass may be of the overhead or other suitable type capable of being properly compensated.

Compasses—general requirements

68.—(1) In every vessel of 12 metres in length and over to which these Rules apply a voice pipe or other acceptable means of communications shall be provided between the standard compass position and the wheelhouse and the emergency steering position if one is provided.

(2) Vessels of 45 metres in length and over to which these Rules apply, operating in latitudes above 65° North or South, shall be provided with a gyro-compass.

Sounding equipment

69. In every vessel of 12 metres in length and over to which these Rules apply a mechanical depth sounding device or echo depth sounding equipment suitable for navigational purposes shall be provided.

Nautical publications

70.—(1) This Rule applies to every vessel of 12 metres in length and over to which these Rules apply which proceeds more than 5 nautical miles from the coast.

(2) The Secretary of State hereby specifies the charts described in paragraph (3) below and the directions and information mentioned in paragraph (4) below, as the charts, directions and information which appear to him necessary or expedient for the safe operation of vessels to which this Rule applies.

(3) The said charts are those—

- (a) which are of such a scale and which contain sufficient detail as clearly to show—
 - (i) all navigational marks which may be used by a vessel when navigating the waters which are comprised in the chart,
 - (ii) all known hazards affecting those waters, and
 - (iii) any information concerning traffic separation schemes, two-way routes, recommended tracks, inshore traffic zones and deep water routes applicable to those waters and areas therein which are to be avoided;
- (b) which are either published by the Hydrographer of the Navy or, if not so published, are of a similar scale to those so published and contain equivalent detail; and
- (c) which, in all cases, are of the latest available edition and—
 - (i) in the case of charts published by the Hydrographer of the Navy, have been corrected from all relevant Notices to Mariners and Radio Navigational Warnings, and
 - (ii) in the case of charts not so published, have been otherwise adequately corrected.

In paragraph (b) above the reference to the Hydrographer of the Navy includes a reference to any authority in any country other than the United Kingdom duly exercising functions similar to those of the Hydrographer.

For the purposes of paragraph (c)(ii) above, a chart shall be treated as adequately corrected if, in relation to a voyage made by the vessel which is carrying the chart in accordance with paragraph (5) (a) below, all relevant corrections to that chart applicable up to a time 9 months before the beginning of that voyage have been made.

(4) The said directions and information are such as is contained in the publications mentioned in column 1 of Schedule 25 to these Rules, being publications which, in all cases, are of the latest available edition and which incorporate the latest relevant supplements and, in the case of any such publication which is published otherwise than by the publisher specified opposite thereto in column 2 of the said Schedule, is of equivalent standard and content.

(5) Every vessel to which this Rule applies which goes to sea or attempts to go to sea shall carry at least—

- (a) one copy of a chart which complies with the requirements specified in paragraph (3) above, being a chart which is appropriate for each part of the intended voyage; and
- (b) one copy of each of the publications mentioned in Schedule 25 to these Rules, with English language text, as is appropriate for that voyage.

Flags and signalling equipment

71. Every vessel of 12 metres in length and over to which these Rules apply shall be provided with:—

- (a) a proper complement of flags and pennants for communication by the international code of signals when proceeding on a distant water voyage;
- (b) an efficient signalling lamp capable of being used both by day and by night and which shall be provided with a battery of sufficient capacity to operate the lamp continuously for not less than two hours.

Pilot ladders

72. Every vessel of 12 metres in length and over to which these Rules apply where the distance in normal operating conditions from the water to the point of access to the vessel exceeds 2.5 metres, shall be provided with a pilot ladder complying with the Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules 1965(1) as amended(2)

(1) (1965 I, p. 2536).

(2) S.I. 1972/531 (1972 I, p. 1816).