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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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**1986 No. 1075**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**SAFETY**

**The Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations)  
(Amendment) Regulations 1986**

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

<i>Made</i>	- - - - -	<i>25th June 1986</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	- -	<i>1st July 1986</i>

The Secretary of State, after consulting with the persons referred to in section 22(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979(a), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 21(a) and (b), (3), (4) and (5) of that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) (Amendment) Regulations 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1986.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1980(b) shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) in regulation 3(4)(b):—

after the words “Home Office” there shall be inserted “or the Department of Trade and Industry”;

(2) after regulation 6(3)(b) there shall be added the following:—

“(c) the batteries forming part of the survival craft two-way radiotelephone apparatus, if of a type which require charging, shall be brought up to the normal fully-charged condition whenever necessary and at least at intervals not exceeding one week”;

(3) the following shall be substituted for regulation 29(1):—

“29(1) The motor life-boat fixed radiotelegraph installation, the portable radio equipment for survival craft, the two-way radiotelephone apparatus for survival craft and the survival craft emergency position-indicating radio beacons required to be provided in pursuance of regulations as to life-saving appliances made under section 21 of the

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(a) 1979 c. 39.

(b) S.I. 1980/529, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

Merchant Shipping Act 1979 shall comply with the appropriate performance specifications set out in regulation 3(4) of these Regulations and shall be tested in accordance with regulation 5(1), 6(3)(b) and 6(3)(c) of these Regulations”;

(4) after regulation 31 there shall be added the following:—

“ PART VII

EQUIVALENTS AND EXEMPTIONS

*Equivalents*

32. Where these Regulations require that a particular fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof, shall be fitted or carried in a ship, or that any particular provision shall be made, the Secretary of State may permit any other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus or type thereof to be fitted or carried, or any other provision to be made in that ship if he is satisfied by trial thereof or otherwise that such other fitting, material, appliance or apparatus, or type thereof, or provision, is at least as effective as that required by these Regulations.

*Exemptions*

33. The Secretary of State may exempt any individual ship or class or description of ships from any of the provisions of regulations 3–29 of these Regulations, subject to such conditions as he may think fit.”;

(5) in Schedule 1 after paragraph 2(e) there shall be added the following:—

“(f) Batteries forming part of a two-way radiotelephone apparatus for survival craft shall be tested weekly and, where appropriate, brought up to the fully charged condition. Where non-rechargeable batteries are provided as a source of energy the batteries shall be checked and replaced if necessary.”;

(6) after Schedule 1 paragraph 3 there shall be added the following:—

“4. *Annually*

Survival craft emergency position-indicating radio beacons shall be inspected, tested and, if necessary, have their source of energy replaced at least once every twelve months; provided that, the interval may be extended to a maximum of seventeen months to permit the inspection to take place concurrently with a radio survey.”.

*John Moore,*  
Secretary of State for Transport.

25th June 1986.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1980. They implement the provisions contained in the amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization on 17th June 1983, and complete the implementation of those Amendments in so far as they relate to Chapter IV (Radio-telegraphy and Radiotelephony) of the Convention.

They require emergency position-indicating radio beacons to comply with performance standards and make requirements relating to batteries.

These Regulations also empower the Secretary of State to permit alternative appliances, apparatus, materials and fittings or any other provision to be made instead of one of those required by the Regulations if they are at least as effective; and to exempt any ship or class or description of ship from any of the Regulations.

The Amendments are contained in volume 1 of the 1983 Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 which can be obtained from the International Maritime Organization, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR.

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