
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1988 No. 1638

The Merchant Shipping (Entry into Dangerous Spaces) Regulations 1988

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:

“Code” means Chapter 10 of the Code of Safe Working Practices for Merchant Seamen published in 1978 by Her Majesty’s Stationery Office and any document amending or replacing it which is considered by the Secretary of State to be relevant from time to time and is specified in a Merchant Shipping Notice;

“dangerous space” means any enclosed or confined space in which it is foreseeable that the atmosphere may at some stage contain toxic or flammable gases or vapours, or be deficient in oxygen, to the extent that it may endanger the life or health of any person entering that space;

“employer” means the person for the time being employing the master;

“fishing vessel” means a vessel which is for the time being employed in fishing but does not include a vessel used otherwise than for profit;

“gas carrier” means any ship constructed or adapted for the carriage in bulk of any liquefied gas;

“master” includes any person in charge of the vessel during the absence of the master but excludes a watchman;

“Merchant Shipping Notice” means a Notice described as such issued by the Secretary of State;

“offshore installation” means any offshore installation within the meaning of section 1 of the Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) Act 1971⁽¹⁾;

“pleasure craft” means a vessel primarily used for sport or recreation;

“tanker” means any ship constructed or adapted for the carriage in bulk of oil or chemicals;

“tons” means gross registered tons, and the gross registered tonnage of a ship having alternative gross tonnages shall be taken to be the larger of those tonnages.

(1) 1971 c. 61; section 1 was substituted by section 24 of the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982 (c. 23).