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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1989 No. 567**

**The Merchant Shipping (Loading and Stability Assessment of Ro/Ro Passenger Ships) (Non-United Kingdom Ships) Regulations 1989**

**Calculation of stability prior to departure**

6.—(1) On completion of the loading of the ship and before the ship proceeds on a voyage the master shall cause the stability of the ship to be calculated and satisfy himself that it is adequate.

(2) The calculation performed in accordance with paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be made using the actual weights of goods vehicles and other items of cargo required to be determined by regulations made under section 21 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979. For weights of items not required to be so determined, the declared weights or weights estimated as accurately as possible shall be used.

(3) The calculation in accordance with paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be made using an on-board loading and stability computer, or a reliable shore-based loading and stability computer system, or by such other means as will enable accurate results to be obtained.

(4) The master shall record the result of the calculation in a book specially retained on board for that purpose.

(5) A copy of any print-out of the calculation referred to in paragraph (1), or of any written working of a calculation made in substitution therefor, shall be retained on the ship for at least one calendar month after the calculation was made.