
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

**The Merchant Shipping (Load Lines)
(Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1991**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>3rd June 1991</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th June 1991</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st July 1991</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 18(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967⁽¹⁾ and now vested in him⁽²⁾, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines)(Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1991 and shall come into force on 1st July 1991.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) (Exemption) Order 1968⁽³⁾ shall be amended as follows:

(1) For the existing text of article 1(1)(h) there shall be substituted—

“ships carrying not more than 12 passengers on a voyage in the course of which they are at no time more than 3 miles from land nor more than 15 miles from their point of departure, unless the point of departure lies within smooth or partially smooth water limits when the distance of 15 miles shall be measured from the seaward boundary of such limits”.

(2) In article 2(1) for the existing text giving the definition of “smooth waters” there shall be substituted

““smooth waters” means the waters of any of the areas specified in column 2 of the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) Regulations 1987⁽⁴⁾ and any other waters which are neither partially smooth waters nor the sea.”.

(3) In article 2(1) there shall be added, in the correct alphabetical order, the following definition—

(1) 1967 c. 27.

(2) See S.I. 1970/1537.

(3) S.I. 1968/1116, to which there is an amendment not relevant to these Regulations.

(4) S.I. 1987/1591.

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““partially smooth waters” means, as respects any period specified in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Smooth and Partially Smooth Waters) Regulations 1987(5), the waters of any of the areas specified in column 3 of that Schedule in relation to that period”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

13rd June 1991

Patrick McLoughlin
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Transport

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order further amends the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines)(Exemption) Order 1968 to clarify the limits to which ships carrying not more than 12 persons may proceed to sea, with respect to the distance from the point of departure, when being exempted, in accordance with the above Order, from the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967.