

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

These Regulations revoke and re-enact the Merchant Shipping (Navigational Equipment) Regulations 1984, as amended in 1985, and implement the requirements of the 1988 Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) Conference amendments to Regulation 12 of Chapter V of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 (SOLAS 74). The Regulations align the radar equipment requirements and radar maintenance arrangements on United Kingdom vessels with Regulation V/12 of SOLAS 74. The Regulations also align the United Kingdom magnetic compass and directionfinder requirements with Regulation V/12 of SOLAS 74. The Regulations refer to a Merchant Shipping Notice which specifies the navigational equipment performance standards adopted by the International Maritime Organisation and the relevant standards which apply to United Kingdom vessels.