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PART I

IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 95/21/EC

Professional Profile of Inspectors

14.—(1) Inspections under these Regulations shall be carried out only by inspectors who fulfil the criteria specified in Annex VII of M. 1639.

(2) When the required professional expertise cannot be provided by the Marine Safety Agency, the inspector of the Marine Safety Agency may be assisted by any person with the required professional expertise.

(3) An inspector and any person assisting him shall have no commercial interest either in the port of inspection or in the ships inspected, nor shall an inspector be employed by or undertake work on behalf of non-governmental organisations which issue statutory and classification certificates or which carry out the surveys necessary for the issue of those certificates to ships.

(4) An inspector shall carry a personal document in the form of an identity card issued by the Marine Safety Agency indicating that the inspector is authorised to carry out inspections.