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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 2537**

**The Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Marine Voyages Reliefs) Regulations 1996**

PART I  
PRELIMINARY

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Marine Voyages Reliefs) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 1st November 1996.

**Commencement Information**

**11** Reg. 1 in force at 1.11.1996, see [reg. 1](#)

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“approved person” means a person approved under regulation 4 of the deferment Regulations in respect of heavy oil for use by ships making marine voyages;

[<sup>F1</sup>“biofuel” means biodiesel, bioethanol, bioblend or bioethanol blend;]

“contravention” includes a failure to comply;

“the deferment Regulations” means the Excise Duties (Deferred Payment) Regulations 1992(1);

“marine voyage” means a voyage in which the ship is at all times—

- (a) within the limits of a port, or
- (b) outside the United Kingdom.

[<sup>F2</sup>“private pleasure craft” has the same meaning as in section 14E of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979;]

“qualified claimant” means—

- (a) the owner of the ship on which the hydrocarbon oil [<sup>F3</sup>or, as the case may be, biofuel] was, or will be, used;
- (b) the charterer to whom that ship is, or was at the time of the marine voyage, demised;
- (c) a person appointed by the person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above to act as sole agent for that ship;
- (d) if he is authorised to do so by the person mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above, the master of that ship; and

- (e) where the claim relates to hydrocarbon oil [<sup>F3</sup>or, as the case may be, biofuel] used on that ship while undergoing trials for the purpose of testing her hull or machinery, the builder or other person conducting the trials.

**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words in reg. 2 inserted (1.4.2008) by The Hydrocarbon Oil, Biofuels and Other Fuel Substitutes (Determination of Composition of a Substance and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/753), regs. 1(2), **5(2)(a)**
- F2** Words in reg. 2 substituted (31.12.2020) by The Excise Duties (Miscellaneous Amendments) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/15), regs. 1, **4(2)**; S.I. 2020/1640, reg. 2, Sch.
- F3** Words in reg. 2 inserted (1.4.2008) by The Hydrocarbon Oil, Biofuels and Other Fuel Substitutes (Determination of Composition of a Substance and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/753), regs. 1(2), **5(2)(b)**

**Commencement Information**

- I2** Reg. 2 in force at 1.11.1996, see **reg. 1**

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Hydrocarbon Oil Duties (Marine Voyages Reliefs) Regulations 1996, PART I PRELIMINARY.