
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3188

**MERCHANT SHIPPING
SAFETY**

The Merchant Shipping (High-Speed Craft) Regulations 1996

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Whereas so far as these Regulations are made under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 85 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(1) they are made only for the purpose of applying to certain other craft provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974, as amended, and modified by its Protocol of 1978(2), implemented under paragraph (b) of that subsection;

Now therefore the Secretary of State for Transport, after consulting the persons referred to in section 86(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 85(1)(a), (b) and (c), (3), (5) to (7) and section 86(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

(1) 1995 c. 21; sections 85 and 86 are applied to hovercraft by the Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) Order 1989 (S.I.1989/1350).
(2) The Convention, Protocol and amendments are set out in the 1992 consolidated edition of SOLAS published by the International Maritime Organization.