
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 75

**The Merchant Shipping (Distress Signals and
Prevention of Collisions) Regulations 1996**

Penalties

6.—(1) Where any of these Regulations is contravened, the owner of the vessel, the master and any person for the time being responsible for the conduct of the vessel shall each be guilty of an offence, punishable on conviction on indictment by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and a fine, or on summary conviction:

- (a) in the case of any infringement of Rule 10(b)(i) (duty to proceed with traffic flow in lanes of separation schemes) of the International Regulations (being an offence corresponding to an offence under section 419(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894⁽¹⁾) by a fine not exceeding £50,000; and
- (b) in any other case by a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.

(2) It shall be a defence for any person charged under these Regulations to show that he took all reasonable precautions to avoid the commission of the offence.

(1) 1894 c. 60.