
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels
(Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997**

Part II

General duties

Risk assessment

7.—(1) A suitable and sufficient assessment shall be made of the risks of the health and safety of workers arising in the normal course of their activities or duties, for the purpose of identifying—

- (a) groups of workers at particular risk in the performance of their duties; and
- (b) the measures to be taken to comply with the employer's duties under these Regulations,

and any significant findings of the assessment and any revision of it shall be brought to the notice of workers.

(2) This assessment shall extend to the risks to the health and safety of other persons on board ship in so far as they may be affected by the acts and omissions of the employer.

(3) The assessment referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be reviewed if—

- (a) there is reason to suspect that it is no longer valid; or
- (b) there has been a significant change in the matters to which it relates,

and where such a review identifies a need for any changes to procedures or practices, those changes shall be made.

(4) Every employer and every self-employed person on board ship shall inform the Company of any relevant risks to health and safety arising out of or in connection with the conduct of his own undertaking.

(5) Measures shall be taken, and if necessary protective equipment supplied, to ensure an improvement in the health and safety of workers and other persons in respect of those risks identified.

(6) Workers shall be informed of the measures taken for their protection.