
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats
and Pilot Boats) Regulations 1998**

PART III

REQUIREMENTS FOR PILOT BOATS

Compliance with the Code of Practice for Pilot Boats

6.—(1) The statutory instruments listed in the Schedule to these Regulations shall not apply to dedicated pilot boats or to pilot boats, not being small workboats, which are United Kingdom ships.

(2) A vessel shall not be operated as a pilot boat unless—

- (a) the vessel has been examined and a Pilot Boat Certificate or a Workboat Certificate with a Pilot Boat endorsement has been issued in accordance with the Code of Practice;
- (b) the certificate is currently in force;
- (c) the vessel complies with the requirements of the Code of Practice (including any requirements as to operation, manning and maintenance) and is operated in accordance with any conditions as specified in the certificate; and for this purpose any provision of the Code of Practice expressed in the conditional (i.e. “should”) shall be a requirement; and
- (d) the certificate is displayed in some conspicuous place on board.

(3) Following the completion of any survey of a boat required by the Code of Practice, no material change shall be made to the boat, its machinery or equipment without the prior approval of the Certifying Authority.

Exemptions under Part III

7. The Secretary of State may exempt any pilot boat from any or all of the provisions of this Part on such terms, if any, as he may specify if he is satisfied that compliance with such provision is either impracticable or unreasonable in the case of that pilot boat and may, subject to giving reasonable notice, alter or cancel any such exemption.