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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 2070**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1998**

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**THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RADIO  
INSTALLATIONS) REGULATIONS 1998**

PART I

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*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1998. (See end of Document for details)*

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1. Daily
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#### SCHEDULE 3 — **GMDSS RADIO LOG**

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SCHEDULE 4 — EQUIPMENT TESTS AND BATTERY RESERVE POWER CHECKS

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PART I

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Explanatory Note

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