
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 1473

**The Merchant Shipping (Safety
of Navigation) Regulations 2002**

Safety of navigation requirements

5.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), a ship to which these Regulations apply shall comply with such of the requirements referred to in paragraph (2) as apply in relation to a ship of its description.

(2) The requirements are those referred to in the following regulations or paragraphs of regulations in Chapter V which are set out in the MCA's 2002 SOLAS V publication—

- paragraph 3 of regulation 7,
- paragraph 7 of regulation 10,
- paragraph 7 of regulation 11,
- paragraphs 2 and 3 of regulation 17,
- paragraphs 1 to 3 and 7 and 8 of regulation 18,
- regulation 19,
- paragraph 1 of regulation 20,
- regulations 21 to 30,
- paragraphs 1 and 4 of regulation 31,
- paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5 of regulation 32,
- paragraphs 1 and 2 of regulation 33, and
- regulation 34.

(3) A ship to which these Regulations apply shall alternatively or additionally (as the case may be) comply with such of the requirements referred to in paragraph (4) as apply in relation to a ship of its description.

(4) The requirements referred to in paragraph (3) shall—

- (a) relate to amendments from time to time of regulations in Chapter V,
- (b) be specified in a Merchant Shipping Notice, amending or replacing the MCA's 2002 SOLAS V publication, which is considered by the Secretary of State to be relevant from time to time,
- (c) be specified in that Merchant Shipping Notice as alternative or additional requirements which apply in relation to a ship of its description, and
- (d) relate to all or any of the purposes set out in section 85(1) of the Act.

(5) Where a requirement referred to in paragraph (2) or (3) is set out in a provision to which there is a footnote, and it is clear from the wording and the context that the content of the footnote, or of a document referred to in the footnote, is intended to form part of the requirement, then such content shall be treated as part of the requirement; and for these purposes a "footnote" is a note marked with an asterisk in the text of Chapter V.

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(6) Nothing in regulations 24 to 26 in Chapter V relating to the use of an automatic pilot shall override special rules made by an appropriate authority for roadsteads, harbours, rivers, lakes or inland waterways connected with the high seas and navigable by sea-going ships; and for these purposes an “appropriate authority” means any person empowered by law to make the special rules.

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- Regulations applied by [S.I. 2010/332 reg. 5\(3\)\(e\)](#)
- Regulations excluded by SI 1998/2771 Sch. 1 Table (as substituted) by [S.I. 2016/353 reg. 3\(1\)Sch. 1](#)
- Regulations excluded by SI 1998/2771 Sch. 2 Table (as substituted) by [S.I. 2016/353 reg. 3\(2\)Sch. 2](#)
- Regulations revoked by [S.I. 2020/673 Sch. Pt. 2](#)
- reg. 5(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2011/2978 reg. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 5(2) words inserted by [S.I. 2011/2978 reg. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- reg. 5(4)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2011/2978 reg. 2\(3\)](#)

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- Order excluded by S.I. 1998/1609 Sch. Table (as substituted) by S.I. 2016/354 reg. 4 Sch. by [S.I. 2016/354 Sch. Table](#)

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- Sch. 4 para. 6A inserted by [S.I. 2011/2978 reg. 2\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- reg. 4(2)(d)-(e) substituted by [S.I. 2010/1075 Sch. 2](#)
- reg. 4(2A)(2B) inserted by [S.I. 2004/2110 Sch. 3 para. 4](#)
- reg. 4(5A) inserted by [S.I. 2004/2110 Sch. 3 para. 6](#)
- reg. 4(6A) inserted by [S.I. 2004/2110 Sch. 3 para. 7](#)
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