

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PASSENGER SHIPS ON DOMESTIC VOYAGES) (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) REGULATIONS 2004

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1. Introduction

1.1 This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Transport and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Description

2.1 The Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2000 so as to implement Directive 2003/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 April 2003 amending Council Directive 98/18/EC on safety rules and standards for passenger ships. holds.

2.2 Directive 2003/24/EC amends 98/18/EC by extending to domestic passenger ships of Classes A, B and C the enhanced stability requirements of the International Agreement of 27 and 28 February 1996 known as the "Stockholm Agreement." Directive 2003/24/EC also amends 98/18/EC by introducing safety requirements, in terms of access and facilities on board passenger ships, for persons with reduced mobility.

2.3 The Regulations make a consequential amendment to the Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 1995 and the Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2004.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 There are none.

4. Legislative background

4.1 The Regulations implement Directive 2003/24/EC.

5. Extent

5.1 This instrument applies to all of the United Kingdom.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

Not applicable

7. Policy Background

7.1 Directive 98/18/EC and subsequent amendments aim to establish uniform standards across the European Union for the construction and equipment of passenger ships engaged on domestic voyages within Member States.

7.2 No special political or legal considerations apply.

7.3 An external consultation was carried out. Details of who was consulted are recorded in the Regulatory Impact Assessment. The measures proposed have not proved controversial.

8. Impact

7.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment is attached to this memorandum.

7.2 There is no additional impact on resources in the public sector.

9. Contact

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