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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 302**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING  
SAFETY**

**The Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2004**

*Made* - - - - *9th February 2004*  
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The Secretary of State, after consulting the persons referred to in section 86(4) and section 306(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995<sup>(1)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 47, section 85(1)(a) and (b), (3) and (5) to (7), section 86(1) and section 302(1) of that Act, by the Merchant Shipping (Control of Pollution) (SOLAS) Order 1998<sup>(2)</sup> and, being a Minister designated<sup>(3)</sup> in relation to safety of ships and the health and safety of persons on them, by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972<sup>(4)</sup>, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

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(1) 1995 c. 21; sections 85 and 86 were amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c. 28), section 8, and are applied to hovercraft by the Hovercraft (Application of Enactments) Order 1989 (S.I.1989/1350).  
(2) S.I. 1998/1500.  
(3) S.I. 1993/595.  
(4) 1972 c. 68.