

**2005 No. 580**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005**

*Made* - - - - - *7th March 2005*  
*Laid before Parliament* *10th March 2005*  
*Coming into force* - - - *1st April 2005*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 302 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(a) and with the consent of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 1st April 2005.

**Amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1996**

- 2.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1996 (b) are amended as follows.
- (2) In regulation 5(2), for the words following “the hourly rate of” there is substituted “£36”.
- (3) In the Schedule, in Part I—
- (a) in paragraph 2(2)(a), for the words following “the hourly rate of” there is substituted “£36”; and
- (b) in paragraph 2(2)(b) for “£50” there is substituted “£75”.
- (4) In Part XII, for the table there is substituted:

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	<i>Radio surveys per hour, or part thereof</i>	<i>Other surveys, inspections and tests per hour or part thereof</i>
<b>1</b>		
For waiting time prior to the commencement of and during the course of a survey or inspection		
for a period not in excess of one hour	No fee	No fee
For periods in excess of one hour		

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(a) 1995 c21  
(b) S.I. 1996/3243; relevant amending regulations are S.I. 1998/531, S.I. 1999/1063, S.I. 2000/1683 and S.I. 2001/3340

	<i>Radio surveys per hour, or part thereof</i>	<i>Other surveys, inspections and tests per hour or part thereof</i>
for surveys in the United Kingdom	£36.00	£78.00
for surveys abroad	£72.00	£156.00
<b>2</b> For abortive visits in the United Kingdom: for the time wasted in excess of one hour at the place of survey or inspection plus the time occupied in travelling to and from the place of survey	£36.00	£78.00
<b>3</b> Where a surveyor or inspector is called upon to perform services at unusual hours; for work undertaken during the following times including time occupied in travelling:		
Mondays to Fridays inclusive between 6pm and 8am and all day Saturday	£18.00	£39.00
Sunday and Public Holidays	£36.00	£78.00

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

2nd March 2005

*David Jamieson*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

We consent to the making of these Regulations

7th March 2005

*Nick Ainger*  
*Jim Murphy*  
Two of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make minor amendments to the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1996 by increasing the hourly rate for fees for the issue of certificates pursuant to the Radio Rules (i.e. the statutory instruments relating to radio installations and navigational equipment on merchant ships and fishing vessels). Other fees listed in the table in Part XII of the Schedule are unchanged.

In the case of certificates issued pursuant to the Radio Rules, where a survey was performed abroad by a locally appointed surveyor, the hourly rates applicable to work involving the issue of a certificate are increased from £32.00 to £36.00.

The Regulations make increases in the hourly rates charged for services in relation to the Radio Rules by increasing the hourly survey rates of £32.00 to £36.00. They also increase the flat rate charged for administration and other work from £50.00 to £75.00.

The Regulations make changes to certain charges for additional services, under Part XII as follows:

First column (radio surveys per hour or part thereof, for fishing vessels):

<i>Old fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
No fee	No fee
£32.00	£36.00
£64.00	£72.00
£32.00	£36.00
£16.00	£18.00
£32.00	£36.00

Second column (radio surveys per hour, or part thereof, of other ships):

<i>Old fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
No fee	No fee
£32.00	£36.00
£64.00	£72.00
£32.00	£36.00
£16.00	£18.00
£32.00	£36.00

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been carried out and a copy placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (telephone 023 8032 9295).

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