
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 323

The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Biological Agents) Regulations 2010

PART 2

DUTIES OF EMPLOYERS AND OTHERS

Health and veterinary care facilities

19.—(1) The employer shall, for the purpose of undertaking a regulation 6 assessment, give particular attention to—

- (a) uncertainties about the presence of biological agents in human patients or animals and the materials and specimens taken from them;
- (b) the hazard represented by biological agents known or suspected to be present in human patients or animals and materials and specimens taken from them; and
- (c) the risks posed by the nature of the work.

(2) The employer shall take appropriate measures in health and veterinary care facilities to protect the health and safety of the workers concerned including—

- (a) specifying appropriate decontamination and disinfection procedures; and
- (b) implementing procedures enabling contaminated waste to be handled and disposed of without risk.

(3) In isolation facilities where there are human patients or animals that are, or are suspected of being, infected with group 3 or group 4 biological agents, the employer shall select containment measures from those listed in column A of [^{F1}Annex 5 of Merchant Shipping Notice 1889 (M+F)], in order to minimise the risk of infection.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 19\(3\)](#) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels \(Health and Safety at Work\) \(Miscellaneous Amendments\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1202\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 8\(7\)](#); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Commencement Information

- I1** [Reg. 19](#) in force at 6.4.2010, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Biological Agents) Regulations 2010, Section 19.