

2015 No. 315

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2015

Made - - - - *9th February 2015*

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Coming into force - - *23rd March 2015*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 302 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(a), and with the consent of the Treasury, makes the following regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 23rd March 2015.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Merchant Shipping Act 1995;

“the Agency” means the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, an executive agency of the Department for Transport; and

“the Wrecks Convention” means the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007 done in Nairobi on 18 May 2007(b).

Fees payable to the Agency: wreck removal insurance

3. The fee payable to the Agency on an application for the issue of a certificate under section 255N(c) of the Act (which relates to wreck removal insurance satisfying the requirements of the Wrecks Convention) is £31.

Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2006

4. In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2006(d), Section B Crew Accommodation in the Table in paragraph 1 is amended by substituting for the entry relating to the Merchant Shipping (Crew Accommodation) Regulations 1997 an entry comprising—

(a) in column (1), “Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Minimum Requirements for Seafarers etc.) Regulations 2014”; and

(a) 1995 c.21.

(b) The text of the Wrecks Convention is set out in Schedule 11ZA to the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, which was inserted by the Wreck Removal Convention Act 2011 (c.8).

(c) Section 255N was inserted by the Wreck Removal Convention Act 2011.

(d) S.I. 2006/2055, to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.

(b) in column (2), “2014/1613”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

John Hayes
Minister of State
Department for Transport

We consent to the making of these Regulations

Harriett Baldwin
Mark Lancaster

9th February 2015

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision relating to fees payable to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency.

Regulation 3 provides for a fee of £31 to be payable to the Agency on application for the issue of a certificate under section 255N of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (as inserted by the Wreck Removal Convention Act 2011). Such a certificate is required under the provisions of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007, to which the 2011 Act gives effect, and certifies that a ship to which the Convention applies is covered by wreck removal insurance as required by the Convention.

Regulation 4 amends the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2006 so as to substitute for the entry in Part I of Schedule 1 relating to the Merchant Shipping (Crew Accommodation) Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/1508) an entry relating to the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Minimum Requirements for Seafarers etc.) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1613) which supersede provisions in the 1997 Regulations.

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