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**The Merchant Shipping (Boatmasters' Qualifications,
Crew and Hours of Work) Regulations 2015**

PART 2

BOATMASTERS' QUALIFICATIONS

Boatmasters' licences

Boatmasters' licences: disclosure of medical conditions

25.—(1) A holder of a boatmaster's licence ("the licence holder") who is suffering from a relevant medical condition which has not previously been disclosed must, upon becoming aware of the condition, forthwith notify the Secretary of State in writing of the fact.

(2) If the Secretary of State becomes aware that a licence holder may be suffering from a relevant medical condition, the Secretary of State may require the licence holder—

- (a) to undergo, at the licence holder's own expense, an examination by a registered medical practitioner for the purpose of determining whether the licence holder is fit to perform normal duties, and
- (b) to authorise that medical practitioner to provide the Secretary of State with a report of the result of that examination.

(3) If satisfied (whether by virtue of a report received from a registered medical practitioner under paragraph (2) or otherwise) that a licence holder is suffering from a relevant medical condition, the Secretary of State may suspend or revoke the licence or endorsement.

(4) If satisfied that a licence holder whose licence or endorsement has been suspended or revoked under paragraph (3) is fit to perform the normal duties of a holder of a licence or endorsement of a different class than that suspended or revoked, the Secretary of State may issue a licence or endorsement of that different class.

(5) If a licence holder fails to comply with a requirement made under paragraph (2), the Secretary of State may suspend the licence until such time as the licence holder complies with the requirement.