
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 1108

**The Merchant Shipping (Work in Fishing
Convention) (Medical Certification) Regulations 2018**

Exemptions

14.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) the Secretary of State may grant exemptions from the requirements of regulations 4 and 5.

(2) Before granting an exemption the Secretary of State must—

- (a) consult such persons as representing persons engaged in the fishing industry as appear appropriate; and
- (b) take into account the safety and health of fishermen, the size of the vessel, the availability of medical assistance and evacuation, the duration of the voyage, the area of operation, and type of fishing operation.

(3) The power to grant exemptions in paragraph (1) does not apply in respect of fishermen employed or engaged for work—

- (a) on fishing vessels of 24 metres or more in length; or
- (b) on fishing vessels which normally remain at sea for more than three days.

(4) An exemption granted under this regulation must—

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) specify the date on which it takes effect; and
- (c) specify the terms (if any) on which it is given.