
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Merchant Shipping (Additional Safety Measures for Bulk Carriers) Regulations 2022

PART 1

Preliminary

Application

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), these Regulations apply to sea-going bulk carriers of 500 gross tons or over which are—

- (a) United Kingdom bulk carriers, wherever they may be; or
- (b) non-United Kingdom bulk carriers, while they are within United Kingdom waters.

(2) A non-United Kingdom bulk carrier flying the flag of a State which is not a party to the Convention is not subject to these Regulations if it would not have been in United Kingdom waters but for stress of weather or any other circumstances which the master, owner or charterer could not have prevented.

(3) Where persons are on board a bulk carrier as a consequence of—

- (a) the circumstances described in paragraph (2); or
- (b) an obligation laid upon the master to carry shipwrecked or other persons⁽¹⁾,

those persons are not to be taken into account for the purpose of determining the application to that bulk carrier of any provision of these Regulations.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation 33 in Chapter V of the Convention (safety of navigation) places an obligation on the master to provide assistance to persons in distress at sea and this obligation is implemented in the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/673).