
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 1219

The Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2022

PART 2

Requirements for high speed craft

Safety requirements for persons with reduced mobility

12.—(1) This regulation applies to—

- (a) a high speed craft used for public transport and engaged on a voyage, in whole or in part in a sea area which begins and ends in a port in the United Kingdom; and
- (b) a United Kingdom high speed craft used for public transport and engaged on a voyage, in whole or in part in a sea area which begins and ends in ports within a Member State or begins and ends within an EEA State.

(2) In complying with regulation 9, a high speed craft—

- (a) constructed on or after 1st October 2004 must, where practicable, be constructed and equipped, and display signs, based on the guidelines in Annex III to the Directive;
- (b) constructed before 1st October 2004 must, if undergoing modification, be constructed and equipped as respects that modification, and display signs as respects that modification, based on the guidelines in Annex III to the Directive so far as is practicable in economic terms.

(3) In applying the guidelines in Annex III to the Directive, the Secretary of State must follow the International Maritime Organization MSC/Circ 735(1), entitled ‘Recommendation on the design and operation of passenger ships to respond to elderly and disabled persons’ needs’.

(4) In this regulation—

“the Directive” means [Directive 2009/45/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6th May 2009 on safety rules and standards for passenger ships(2) as amended by Commission [Directive 2010/36/EU](#) of 1 June 2010 amending [Directive 2009/45/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety rules and standards for passenger ships(3), Commission Directive (EU) 2016/844 of 27 May 2016 amending [Directive 2009/45/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on safety rules and standards for passenger ships(4) and Directive (EU) 2017/2108 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 November 2017 amending [Directive 2009/45/EC](#) on safety rules and standards for passenger ships(5);

(1) The “Recommendation on the design and operation of passenger ships to respond to elderly and disabled persons’ needs” dated 24th June 1996 was approved by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organization. The Recommendation is available from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) of 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR or may be obtained in copy from the IMO or the Maritime and Coastguard Agency of Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton SO15 1EG (telephone 020 3817 2000 and email infoline@mcga.gov.uk).

(2) OJ L 163, 25.6.2009, p. 1.

(3) OJ L 162, 29.6.2010, p. 1.

(4) OJ L 141, 28.5.2016, p. 51.

(5) OJ L 315, 30.11.2017, p. 40.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Merchant Shipping (High Speed Craft) Regulations 2022, Section 12. (See end of Document for details)

“EEA State” means a State, other than the United Kingdom, which was an EEA State immediately before IP completion day.

Commencement Information

11 Reg. 12 in force at 19.12.2022, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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