
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 41

**The Merchant Shipping (High Speed
Offshore Service Craft) Regulations 2022**

Survey and certification

6.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) Regulations 2015⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 3, in paragraph (1) at the appropriate places insert—

““HSC Code” means the International Code of Safety for High-Speed Craft (2000), 2008 Edition⁽²⁾”;

““HSOSC” means a craft to which the Merchant Shipping (High Speed Offshore Service Craft) Regulations 2022 apply (see regulation 3 of those Regulations)”;

““HSOSC Code” means the Secretary of State’s Code for High Speed Offshore Service Craft (of less than 500GT carrying up to 60 persons), published on 9th February 2022, and includes any document amending or replacing it which is considered by the Secretary of State to be relevant from time to time and which is specified in a Merchant Shipping Notice⁽³⁾”;

““HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft” means the certificate of that name issued pursuant to regulation 13A”.

(3) After regulation 9, insert—

“Surveys of HSOSC

9A.—(1) An HSOSC is subject to the following surveys of its structure, safety equipment, radio installations and other equipment—

- (a) before the HSOSC is put in service or before the HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft is issued for the first time, an initial survey;
- (b) at the intervals specified in the HSOSC Code, a renewal survey;
- (c) within three months before or after each anniversary date of a HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft, a periodical survey; and
- (d) an additional survey as the occasion arises.

(2) This regulation does not apply to an HSOSC which is not a United Kingdom ship but which is registered with a State with which the Secretary of State has entered into an administrative arrangement to accept certificates of a particular name or description which are equivalent to an HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft.”.

(4) In regulation 11—

(1) *S.I. 2015/508*, amended by *S.I. 2018/53* and *2018/1221*.

(2) A copy of this Code may be seen at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/282657/msis34_hsc_code_2000_2008_itos_rev1.01-full-2.pdf or obtained by writing to the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton, SO15 1EG.

(3) A copy of this Code may be seen at www.gov.uk or obtained by writing to the Maritime & Coastguard Agency, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton, SO15 1EG.

- (a) the existing text becomes paragraph (1);
- (b) in that paragraph, at the end insert “, subject to paragraph (2)”;
- (c) after paragraph (1), insert—
 - “(2) References in regulations 9A and 10 to surveys or inspections of a particular description which are required to be carried out on an HSOSC are to the surveys or inspections, as the case may be, of those descriptions as set out in the HSC Code, with any additions or exceptions as set out in the HSOSC Code.”.
- (5) After regulation 13, insert—

“Issue of certificates to HSOSC

13A.—(1) When an initial survey or a renewal survey to meet the requirements set out in these Regulations has been satisfactorily completed in respect of an HSOSC, the Certifying Authority must issue an HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft.

(2) This regulation does not apply to an HSOSC which is not a United Kingdom ship which is, or is to be, certified with a certificate of a particular name or description which is equivalent to an HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft and which is specified as such in a Merchant Shipping Notice.”.

- (6) In regulation 15—
 - (a) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), after “Convention Certificate” insert “or HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for “or Cargo Ship Safety Certificate” substitute “, Cargo Ship Safety Certificate or HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2), in the words before sub-paragraph (a), after “Convention Certificate” insert “or HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
 - (c) in paragraph (3), in the words before sub-paragraph (a), after “Convention Certificate” substitute “or HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
 - (d) in paragraph (4)—
 - (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), for “to 9” substitute “to 9A”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for “to 9” substitute “to 9A”;
 - (iii) in sub-paragraph (c), for “to 9” substitute “to 9A”;
 - (e) in paragraph (6)—
 - (i) in the words before sub-paragraph (a), after “Convention Certificate” insert “, a HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for “to 9” substitute “to 9A”.
- (7) In regulation 16, in paragraph (1), after “regulation 13” insert “, 13A”.
- (8) In regulation 17—
 - (a) in paragraph (1), after “Safety Certificate” insert “or HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) for “to 9” substitute “to 9A”;
 - (ii) after “Convention Certificate” insert “or an HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
 - (c) in paragraph (3)—

- (i) for “to 9” substitute “to 9A”;
- (ii) after “Convention Certificate” insert “or HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
- (d) in paragraph (4), after “Convention Certificate” insert “or HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”;
- (e) in paragraph (5), after “Convention Certificate” insert “or HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft”.
- (9) In regulation 22, after “Convention Certificate” insert “, HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft or equivalent certificate described in regulation 23(5B)(b)”.
- (10) In regulation 23, after paragraph (5) insert—
 - “(5A) No United Kingdom HSOSC may proceed to sea unless it has been surveyed and there is in force an HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft.
 - (5B) No HSOSC which is not a United Kingdom HSOSC may operate in United Kingdom waters unless it has been surveyed and there is in force—
 - (a) an HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft, or
 - (b) a certificate of a particular name or description which is equivalent to an HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft and which is specified as such in a Merchant Shipping Notice.”.
- (11) After regulation 25 insert—

“Limit on the number of persons on HSOSC

25A. The owner and master of an HSOSC must ensure that there is not on board a greater number of persons than that stated on the ship’s HSC Code Safety Certificate for Offshore Service Craft or equivalent certificate described in regulation 23(5B)(b).”.

- (12) In regulation 26—
 - (a) in paragraph (1), for “to 9” substitute “to 9A”;
 - (b) in paragraph (2), for “to (5)” substitute “to (5B)”;
 - (c) in paragraph (5), after “regulation 25” insert “or 25A”.