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**2023 No. 1216**

**The Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats  
and Pilot Boats) Regulations 2023**

**PART 1**

Preliminary

**Application**

- 4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), these Regulations apply to the following vessels—
- (a) workboats which are United Kingdom vessels wherever they may be,
  - (b) other workboats operating from United Kingdom ports whilst in United Kingdom waters,
  - (c) pilot boats, not being workboats, which are United Kingdom vessels wherever they may be, and
  - (d) remotely operated unmanned vessels—
    - (i) which are United Kingdom vessels wherever they may be, or
    - (ii) operating from United Kingdom ports whilst in United Kingdom waters.
- (2) These Regulations do not apply to—
- (a) a workboat or pilot boat carrying more than 12 passengers;
  - (b) hovercraft or submersible vessels;
  - (c) vessels carrying bulk cargo.
- (3) These Regulations only apply where the owner or master of a vessel applies for certification of the vessel exclusively under these Regulations.