
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 246

The Merchant Shipping (Cargo and Passenger Ship Construction and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023

PART 7

Correcting amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1998 etc.

Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1998

19. In the Merchant Shipping (Radio Installations) Regulations 1998(1), in regulation 7 (interpretation of Part II), after the definition of “DSC” insert—

““EPIRB” means an emergency position indicating radio beacon capable of transmitting a distress alert through the COSPAS/SARSAT polar orbiting satellite service operating in the 406 MHZ band;”.

Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Radiocommunications) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

20. In the Merchant Shipping (Radiocommunications) (Amendment) Regulations 2021(2), in paragraph 5 of Schedule 2, in the definition of “EPIRB”, omit “either”.

Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship) (Bilge Alarm) Regulations 2021

21.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship) (Bilge Alarm) Regulations 2021(3) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 4 (bilge water level detectors and alarms)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for “at” substitute “from”; and

(b) in paragraph (6), for sub-paragraph (a) of the definition of “effective date” substitute—

“(a) 29th March 2023, in the case of a new ship first launched on or before that date, and, in the case of a new ship first launched after that date, the date on which the ship is first launched; and”.

Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Nuclear Ships) Regulations 2022

22.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Nuclear Ships) Regulations 2022(4) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 6 (approvals), after paragraph (2)(c), insert—

“(ca) regulation 13(3) (approval of change to safety assessment in operational phase);”.

(1) S.I. 1998/2070, as amended by S.I. 2000/2687, 2005/2114, 2016/1025, 2018/1221 and 2021/1316.

(2) S.I. 2021/1316, as amended by S.I. 2022/1219.

(3) S.I. 2021/592.

(4) S.I. 2022/1169.

- (3) In regulation 20 (surveys of United Kingdom nuclear ships)—
- (a) for paragraphs (7) and (8), substitute—
- “(7) Notwithstanding the requirement for a renewal survey in paragraph (6), and subject to paragraph (8), a United Kingdom nuclear ship must be subjected to the supplemental periodical surveys, and at the frequencies specified, in paragraphs 8.4.3.1 to 8.4.3.4 in Chapter 8 of the Nuclear Code (periodical surveys of the nuclear steam supply system and supporting hull structure).
- (8) A United Kingdom nuclear ship may be subjected to continuous surveys in accordance with paragraph 8.4.3.5 in Chapter 8 of the Nuclear Code—
- (a) at the request of the Secretary of State; or
- (b) with the approval of the Secretary of State,
- in place of the supplemental periodical surveys required by paragraph (7).
- (8A) Where continuous surveys are requested or approved in accordance with paragraph (8), a United Kingdom nuclear ship must be subjected to those continuous surveys.”;
- (b) in paragraph (9), for “paragraphs (6) to (8)”, substitute “paragraphs (6), (7) and (8A)”.
- (4) In regulation 31 (offences and penalties), in paragraph (1)—
- (a) in sub-paragraph (g) (offences relating to safety assessment requirements in operational phase), after “(2)(a) or (b),” insert “(3)”;
- (b) in sub-paragraph (m) (offences relating to surveys of United Kingdom nuclear ships), for “(8)” substitute “(8A)”.