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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE

MSN 1698 (M) Amendment 1

The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction: Ships of Classes I, II and II(A)) Regulations 1998

Notice to all Shipowners, Certifying Authorities, Shipbuilders, Ship repairers, Ship Masters and Surveyors

This Notice should be read in conjunction with The Merchant Shipping (Cargo and Passenger Ship Construction and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023

Summary

This Merchant Shipping Notice sets out a list of amendments to MSN 1698 which remove requirements contained within it that only apply to Class I and II ships.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Merchant Shipping (Cargo and Passenger Ship Construction and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2023 (SI 2023/246) (“the Regulations”) amend the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction) Regulations 1997 (SI 1997/1509) and the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction: Ships of Classes I, II and II(A)) Regulations 1998 (SI 1998/2514), and subject to very limited exceptions replace those regulations insofar as they previously made provision for the requirements under Chapter II-1 of the Annex to SOLAS in UK law.
- 1.2 The Regulations introduce ambulatory referencing for new requirements agreed by the International Maritime Organization for ships trading internationally. It is not intended that the Regulations will change the existing requirements for domestic ships. It is therefore necessary to amend Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) 1698 only to remove those references in it to ships of Classes I and II so that the requirements in the MSN only apply to ships of Class II(A), with requirements for Class I and II ships built before 1 January 2009 being contained within MSN 1907.



1.3 Although the Regulations also amend the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship Construction) Regulations 1997, no parallel amendments have been identified that require a similar approach to be taken in respect of MSN 1671 (as amended).

1.4 Therefore, the annex attached contains details of the changes which are required to ensure that the MSN only applies to Class II(A) ships.

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ANNEX

Amendments to MSN 1698

Page 1

Amend title to read:

“The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction: Ships of Class II(A)) Regulations 1998”.

Amend first bullet point of summary to read:

“This Notice forms an integral part of the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction: Ships of Class II(A)) Regulations 1998”.

Amend Schedule 2, Section 2, to read:

“Ships of Class II(A), other than those which comply with section 3”

Amend Schedule 2, Section 3, to read:

“Ships of Class II(A), other than those which comply with section 2”

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Amend (1) to read:

“references in the Schedules to regulations, unless otherwise stated, refer to regulations in the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction: Ships of Class II(A)) Regulations 1998;”

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Amend title of Schedule 2, Section 2 to read:

“Ships of Class II(A) other than those which comply with section 3 and in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Regulations 1980 or the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Regulations 1986 as applicable”

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Amend title of Schedule 2, Section 3 to read:

“Ships of Class II(A) other than those which comply with section 2 and in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Regulations 1980 or the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Regulations 1986 as applicable”

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Amend paragraph 20 to read:



“In every ship of Class II(A) which is subdivided in accordance with section 3 of Schedule 2 all sliding watertight doors shall be operated by power and shall be capable of being simultaneously closed from a single position situated on the navigating bridge. Provided that if in any such ship there is only one such door and it is in the space containing machinery it shall not be required to be operated by power.”

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Delete the following from paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 5:

“in ships of Classes I and II, with consecutive numbers beginning from the deepest subdivision load line which shall be marked C1. In ships of Classes II(A)”

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Delete paragraph 1(1) including the table, and paragraphs 2(a) and 2(b).

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Amend paragraph 2(2) of Schedule 6 to read:

“To every such ship for which an emergency pump is specified, or in which a hand pump is replaced by an independent pump, such pumps shall be arranged as follows:

- (a) one of the pumps shall be an efficient emergency pump of a submersible type having its source of power and the necessary controls situated above the ship’s bulkhead deck. Such pump and its source of power shall not be installed forward of the collision bulkhead; or
- (b) the power pumps in the ship and their sources of power shall be so disposed throughout the ship’s length that under condition of flooding which the ship is required to withstand at least one such pump in an undamaged watertight compartment will be available.”

