

2023 No. 365

MERCHANT SHIPPING

**The Merchant Shipping (Seamen’s Documents) (Amendment)
Regulations 2023**

Made - - - - at 9.50 a.m. on 27th March 2023

Laid before Parliament at 3.00 p.m. on 27th March 2023

Coming into force - - - - 1st May 2023

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 79(1)(a) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(a).

The Secretary of State has consulted with such organisations referred to in section 306(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Seamen’s Documents) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 and come into force on 1st May 2023.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Seamen’s Documents) Regulations 1987

2.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Seamen’s Documents) Regulations 1987(b) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 3(2)—

(a) omit paragraph (a);

(b) in paragraph (c), after the words “who is a cadet”, insert the words “or who is employed in a fishing vessel”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

At 9.50 a.m. on 27th March 2023

Vere
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

(a) 1995 c. 21.

(b) S.I. 1987/408, amended by the British Overseas Territories Act 2002 (c.8), S.I. 1995/1900, 1997/2971 and 1999/3281.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Documents) Regulations 1987 (S.I. 1987/408) to allow seamen employed in fishing vessels to apply for a British Seaman's Card.

Regulation 2(2)(a) removes seamen employed in fishing vessels from those excluded from eligibility to apply for a British Seaman's Card.

Regulation 2(2)(b) includes seamen employed in fishing vessels to be exempt from exclusion from eligibility to apply for a British Seaman's Card in circumstances where they may earn no or nominal wages.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant impact, on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is published alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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