STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules 1968

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The Board of Trade in exercise of their powers under Section 23 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949(a) as having effect by virtue of the Transfer of Functions (Shipping and Construction of Ships) Order 1965(b) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Rules:—

1. The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Rules 1965(c) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) In Rule 1(2) the following shall be added before the definition of "Board":—
" 'The Blue Book' means the 1966 Report of the Board's Standing Advisory Committee on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Ships.";

(*b*) In Rule 2(2) the following shall be substituted for the final paragraph:—
"For the purposes of this Rule a dangerous chemical shall be treated as being in a limited quantity if, and only if, the quantity of that chemical and its packing are within the limits set forth in paragraph 3 on page 331 of the Blue Book.";

(*c*) In Rule 10(2) "owner or master of the ship" shall be substituted for "master of the ship in writing signed by him";

(*d*) The following shall be substituted for Rule 10(3):—
"It shall be unlawful for any dangerous goods to be taken on board any ship to which this Rule applies, being a passenger steamer, for carriage in that ship if the goods are of a kind not recommended in the Blue Book for such carriage.";

(*e*) The following shall be substituted for Schedule 2:—

"EXPLOSIVES WHICH MAY BE TAKEN ON BOARD PASSENGER STEAMERS

Those explosives—

(i) against which a single asterisk appears in the 'Classified List of Government and Visiting Forces Explosives' on pages 25 to 31 of the Blue Book or the 'United Kingdom Classified List of United States Visiting Forces Explosives' on pages 32 and 33 of the Blue Book; or

(a) 1949 c. 43. (b) S.I. 1965/145 (1965 I, p. 438). (c) S.I. 1965/1067 (1965 II, p. 2681).

(ii) which are classified under Class VI Division I in the 'List of Commercial Explosives' on pages 41 to 55 of the Blue Book.".

2.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules 1968 and shall come into operation on 22nd March 1968.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(a) shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

J. P. W. Mallalieu,
Minister of State, Board of Trade.

6th March 1968.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Rules 1965.

The principal changes are that the Rules now refer to the 1966 Report of the Board's Standing Advisory Committee on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Ships (The Blue Book), instead of to the Consolidated Edition of that Committee's Report, 1961; and that Government or Visiting Forces' Explosives of the safety class may now be taken on board passenger steamers.

The Blue Book may be purchased from H.M. Stationery Office.

(a) 1889 c. 63.

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