STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1972 No. 666

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules 1972

Made - - -	27*th April* 1972
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The Secretary of State in exercise of his powers under section 23 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules 1972 and shall come into operation on 31st May 1972.

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

2. The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Rules 1965(**c**), as amended by the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules 1968(**d**), shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) In Rule 1(2), the following shall be substituted for the definition of "The Blue Book":—

> " 'The Blue Book' means the 1966 Report of the Board of Trade Standing Advisory Committee on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Ships (Second Edition 1971)."

(2) In Rule 2(2), for "paragraph 3 on page 331 of the Blue Book" there shall be substituted "paragraph 3 of the Introduction to Class 10 in the Blue Book".

(3) In Rule 10(1), for "20 pounds net weight" in sub-paragraph (*b*) there shall be substituted "9 kilogrammes net weight", and for "2,240 pounds" in sub-paragraph (*c*) there shall be substituted "1016 kilogrammes".

(**a**) 1949 c. 43.
(**b**) 1889 c. 63.
(**c**) S.I. 1965/1067 (1965 II, p. 2681).
(**d**) S.I. 1968/332 (1968 I, p. 969).

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

"SCHEDULE 2

EXPLOSIVES WHICH MAY BE TAKEN ON BOARD PASSENGER STEAMERS

Those explosives

(i) against which a single asterisk appears in "The United Kingdom Classification List of Military Explosives" or in "The United Kingdom Classification List of United States Visiting Forces Explosives" in Section C of Class 1 of the Blue Book; or

(ii) which are classified under Class VI, Division I, in the "List of Commercial Explosives" in Section D of Class 1 of the Blue Book."

Michael Noble,
Minister for Trade,
Department of Trade and Industry.

27th April 1972.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) Rules 1965 as amended by the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous Goods) (Amendment) Rules 1968.

In the place of references in the Rules as amended to the 1966 Report of the Board of Trade Standing Advisory Committee on the Carriage of Dangerous Goods in Ships (The Blue Book), reference is now made to the appropriate passages in the revised 1971 Edition of the Blue Book which incorporates recommendations of the Committee which supersede those of 1966. In addition, references to the weight of explosives given in Imperial units are now expressed in metric units.

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

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