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SAFETY

The Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1984

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894**(a)**, and now vested in him**(b)**, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1984 and shall come into operation on 1st September 1984.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules 1965**(c)** shall be further amended as follows:—

(1) for the existing text of Rule 10(1) (Firemen's outfits) there shall be substituted "Every ship of Class 1 shall be provided with:

(*a*) two firemen's outfits which shall include breathing apparatus of the air hose type and in addition

(*b*) two firemen's outfits for every 80 metres (or part thereof) of the aggregate of the lengths of all passenger spaces and service spaces on the deck which carries such spaces or, if there is more than one such deck, on the deck which has the largest of such lengths. Every such outfit shall comply with the requirements of Rule 63 of these Rules.";

(2) in Rule 36 (Firemen's outfits) after paragraph (3) there shall be added:

"(4) In every tanker of Class VII(T) and VIII(T) of 500 tons or over there shall be provided not less than four firemen's outfits complying with the requirements of Rule 63 of these Rules.";

(3) after Rule 64 there shall be added the following Rule:—

"*Combination carriers*

64A Combination carriers shall not carry solid cargoes unless all cargo tanks are empty of crude oil and other petroleum products having a closed

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(a) 1894 c. 60; section 427 was substituted by section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949 (c. 43) and amended by section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964 (c. 47).

(b) *See* S.I. 1983/1127.

(c) S.I. 1965/1106.

flash point not exceeding 60°C, and other liquids having a similar fire hazard and are gas freed or unless the arrangements provided in each case are in accordance with the relevant operational requirements contained in the "Guidelines for Inert Gas Systems" and to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State.

"Guidelines for Inert Gas Systems" is MSC/Circ. 353 which forms part of the publication "Inert Gas Systems", 1983 Edition, published by the International Maritime Organization.";

(4) in Rule 65 (Fire control plan) after paragraph (3) there shall be added:

"(4) A duplicate set of the general arrangement plans shall be permanently stored in a prominently marked weather-tight enclosure outside the deck house for the assistance of shore-side fire-fighting personnel.

(5) In ships to which this Rule applies instructions concerning the maintenance and operation of all the equipment and installations on board for the fire-fighting and containment of the fire shall be kept under one cover readily available in an accessible position.";

(5) in Schedule 5 at the end of paragraph 3(a) there shall be added "and shall be of a type which has a Certificate of Assurance issued by the Health and Safety Executive in compliance with the requirements of the Joint Testing Memorandum of the Health and Safety Executive, the Department of Trade and the Home Department.".

Nicholas Ridley,
Secretary of State for Transport.

2nd August 1984.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules further amend the Merchant Shipping (Fire Appliances) Rules 1965 and give effect to the provisions of Chapter II–2 of the Amendments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organisation at its forty-fifth session in so far as they apply to ships built before 25th May 1980 (and have not, in relation to such ships, already been given effect to in United Kingdom law).

They amend the requirements for firemen's outfits and fire control plans and impose more specific requirements for inert gas systems in combination carriers.

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