EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order applies the Merchant Shipping (International Labour Conventions) Act, 1925, to Barbados, subject to the modifications and adaptations mentioned therein.

The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules, 1951

1951 No. 1718

Made - - - -	*25th. September*, 1951
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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under Section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894(**a**), and Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932(**b**), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules shall come into operation on the second day of October, 1951, and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules, 1951.

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

2. There shall be included among the classes in which ships are arranged for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1948(**d**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Rules"), a new class of passenger ship to be referred to as ships of Class VI (A), and accordingly the Principal Rules shall have effect as though:—

(*a*) in Rule 2 in the description of ships of Class II (A) the words "Classes III to VI (A) inclusive" were substituted for the words "Classes III to VI inclusive", and there were added after the description of ships of Class VI and before the heading "Non-Passenger ships" the following:—

Class VI (A)

Steam launches and motor boats carrying passengers in pursuance of a passenger certificate entitled "Passenger Certificate for a vessel plying for short distances to sea carrying passengers, mail and a limited quantity of cargo on essential services between ship and shore, island and island or island and mainland"; and

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(a) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.
(b) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 9.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1948 (No. 1007) I, p. 1910.

(*b*) after Rule 11 there were inserted the following new rule:—

"SHIPS OF CLASS VI (A)

Steam launches and motor boats carrying passengers in pursuance of a passenger certificate entitled 'Passenger Certificate for a vessel plying for short distances to sea carrying passengers, mail and a limited quantity of cargo on essential services between ship and shore, island and island or island and mainland'.

11A.—(1) This Rule applies to ships of Class VI (A).

(2) Rule 8 of these Rules shall apply to ships to which this Rule applies, being ships of 70 feet and upwards in length, as it applies to ships of Class IV.

(3) Every ship to which this Rule applies of less than 70 feet in length shall be provided with buoyant apparatus sufficient to support at least 60 per cent. of the total number of persons which the ship is certified to carry during the period between 1st April and 31st October inclusive, together with lifebuoys not less in number than is specified in paragraph (5) of Rule 11 of these Rules, so however that the buoyant apparatus together with the lifebuoys, shall at all times be sufficient to support the total number of persons which the ship is certified to carry during the aforesaid period.

(4) For the purposes of this Rule a lifebuoy shall be deemed sufficient to support two persons.

(5) In the case of ships not exceeding 26 feet in length to which this Rule applies the Minister of Transport may allow lifebuoys to be carried in lieu of part or all of the buoyant apparatus required to be carried in pursuance of paragraph (3) of this Rule.

(6) Every ship to which this Rule applies shall carry at least two buoyant smoke signals".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this twenty-fifth day of September, 1951.

(L.S.) *Alfred Barnes,*

The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1948, by adding a new class (Class VI (A)) to the classes into which ships are arranged for the purposes of those Rules and make provision for the life-saving appliances to be carried on ships of this class.