1959 No. 978

The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules, 1959

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894(a), as substituted by section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act, 1949(b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Rules :—

1. These Rules shall come into operation on the ninth day of June, 1960, and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules, 1959.

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

3. The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1958(d), shall be amended in the manner specified in the Schedule to these Rules.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this second day of June, 1959.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

SCHEDULE

The Eleventh Schedule shall be amended as follows :—

(1) At the end of paragraph (5) the following words shall be added:
"Provided that buoyant material other than kapok shall not be used if its buoyancy would be adversely affected if it was contaminated with oil.".

(2) In paragraph (6), after the word "lifejacket", there shall be inserted the words "and every other lifejacket of which the buoyancy is provided by buoyant material other than kapok" and after the words "The cork", there shall be inserted the words "in a cork lifejacket".

(3) In paragraph (8), for the words "The covering of cork lifejackets" there shall be substituted the words "The covering of lifejackets, other than kapok lifejackets,".

(4) For paragraph (9) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs :—
"(9) In every kapok lifejacket the kapok shall be contained in envelopes made from 0·012 inch double lamina polyvinylchloride sheeting and shall be effectively sealed either by radio-frequency welding or by other equally effective means.

(10) The polyvinylchloride sheeting referred to in paragraph (9) of this Schedule shall comply in all respects with the Specification issued by the British Standards Institution in respect of "Thin P.V.C. sheeting (flexible, unsupported)" and numbered B.S. 1763 : 1956, and its chemical stability shall be such that the buoyancy of the kapok contained in the envelopes made from such sheeting will not be adversely affected, in the conditions in which lifejackets are normally stored and used, by hydrochloric acid liberated from such sheeting.

(a) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 43.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (d) S.I. 1958/602 (1958 I, p. 1420).

(11) The covering of kapok lifejackets shall be of preshrunk cotton material, the weight of which in loomstate per lineal yard shall be not less than 6 ounces for a width of 27 inches and in proportion for other widths. The material shall be laundered and shall be free from admixture of sizing or other foreign matter. The threads per inch in loomstate shall be warp 44 two-fold threads and weft 34 two-fold threads."

(5) Paragraphs (10) and (11) shall be renumbered as paragraphs (12) and (13) respectively.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules amend the 11th Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1958 (which specifies the requirements for lifejackets carried in ships).

The principal changes are :—

(1) It is provided that buoyant material other than kapok shall not be used if its buoyancy would be adversely affected if it was contaminated with oil ;

(2) a buoyancy test is provided for lifejackets of which the buoyancy is provided by buoyant material other than cork or kapok ;

(3) provision is made as to the covering of lifejackets whose buoyancy is provided by buoyant material other than cork or kapok ;

(4) provision is made for the kapok in kapok lifejackets to be contained in envelopes made from polyvinylchloride sheeting, and requirements for such sheeting are specified ;

(5) provision is made for kapok lifejackets to be covered with laundered and preshrunk cotton material.

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The Merchant Shipping (Load Line Convention) (Kuwait) Order, 1959

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of June, 1959

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by section 65 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932(a), it is enacted that Her Majesty, if satisfied that the Government of any country has acceded to the Load Line Convention, may, by Order in Council, make a declaration to that effect :

And Whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that the Government of Kuwait has acceded to the Load Line Convention :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in Her by the aforesaid section and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 9.