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MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1977

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894**(a)** as substituted by section 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949**(b)** and amended by section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964**(c)** and now vested in him **(d)**, 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 (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Rules 1977 and shall come into operation on 11th March 1977.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules 1965**(e)** as amended**(f)**, shall be further amended as follows:—

After paragraph (3) of Part I of Schedule 9, there shall be added the following paragraph:—

"(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs of this Part of this Schedule, any liferaft the inflatable chambers or floor of which are made of rubber-proofed cotton—

(*a*) made on or before 31st December 1965, shall be treated as not complying with the requirements of this Part of this Schedule on or after 1st July 1978;

(*b*) made on or after 1st January 1966, shall be treated as not complying with the requirements of this Part of this Schedule on or after 1st July 1979."

Stanley Clinton Davis,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

14th February 1977.

(a) 1894 c. 60.
(b) 1949 c. 43.
(c) 1964 c. 47.
(d) *See* S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293).
(e) S.I. 1965/1105 (1965 II, p. 2940).
(f) These amendments are not relevant to the subject matter of these Rules.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Rules.*)

These Rules further amend the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules 1965 by providing for the phasing out, in two stages, of liferafts the inflatable chambers or floors of which are made of rubber-proofed cotton, so that by 1st July 1979 all liferafts of that type shall cease to comply with the requirements of those Rules.

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