EXPLANATORY NOTE

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These Rules arrange ships into classes, the classification being uniform with that in the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1952 (S.I. 1952/1949). The Rules provide for the assignment of the duties to be performed by members of the crew in case of emergency, for training in those duties, and for the emergency signal for passengers. The Rules include such provisions as appear to the Minister of Transport to implement the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1948, relating to musters.

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The Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules, 1952

Made - - - -	11*th November*, 1952
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The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him 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 of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Rules:—

Interpretation

1.—(1) These Rules shall come into operation on the 19th day of November, 1952, and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules, 1952.

(2) In these Rules, the expression "the Minister" means the Minister of Transport.

(3) These Rules apply to—

(*a*) British ships, except ships registered in Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, the Republic of Ireland or in any territory administered by the Government of any of the aforesaid countries;

(*b*) other ships while they are within any port in the United Kingdom.

Provided that these Rules shall not apply to a ship by reason of her being within a port in the United Kingdom if she would not have been in any such port but for stress of weather or any other circumstance that neither the master nor the owner nor the charterer (if any) of the ship could have prevented or forestalled.

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

(a) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 43. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Classification of Ships

2. For the purposes of these Rules ships shall be arranged in the same classes in which ships are arranged for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Rules, 1952(**a**), and any references in these Rules to a ship of any class shall be construed accordingly.

Provision of Pilot Ladders

3.—(1) Every ship of Classes I, II, II (A), VII, VII (A), VIII and VIII (A) shall be provided with a pilot ladder which shall comply with the following requirements of this Rule. Ships of Classes III to VI (A), inclusive, and IX to XII inclusive, shall not be required to be provided with pilot ladders.

(2) Each pilot ladder shall be efficient for the purpose of enabling a pilot to embark and disembark safely from the ship and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall be of sufficient length to reach the water, when the ship is in an unloaded condition and has no list, from the deck on which it is intended that the pilot shall embark and disembark.

(3) A man-rope of not less than 2½ inches circumference shall be provided on each side of the ladder and the inboard end of the man-rope shall be firmly secured to the ship.

(4) Means shall be provided to enable the ladder to be used on each side of the ship and to enable the pilot to pass safely from the head of the ladder to the deck of the ship.

(5) A light shall be provided which will shine alongside the ship so as to illuminate the ladder effectively at night.

Exemptions

4. The Minister may exempt any ship of Classes II (A) and VIII (A) from the requirements of these Rules.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this eleventh day of November, 1952.

(L.S.) *Gilmour Jenkins,*
Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

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(a) S.I. 1952/1949, p. 1889 above.