STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Boats) (Amendment) Rules 1969

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The Board of Trade, in exercise of their powers under section 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949(**a**) as amended by section 11 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964(**b**) and under section 10 of the latter Act, as having effect by virtue of the Transfer of Functions (Shipping and Construction of Ships) Order 1965(**c**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Rules:—

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Boats (Amendment) Rules 1969 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1969.

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

2. The Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Boats) Rules 1965(**e**) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) In Rule 14, for the words "the Postmaster General"—

(*a*) where they first appear in paragraph (1)(*a*) and also where they appear in paragraph (1)(*b*), there shall be substituted the words "the Postmaster General or the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications";

(*b*) where they secondly appear in paragraph (1)(*a*) and also where they first appear in paragraph (2)(*b*), there shall be substituted the words "the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications";

(*c*) where they secondly appear in paragraph (2)(*b*), there shall be substituted the words "the Post Office".

(2) In Rule 22, for the words "the Postmaster General"—

(*a*) where they first appear in paragraph (2)(*a*) and also where they appear in paragraph (2)(*b*), there shall be substituted the words "the Postmaster General or the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications";

(*b*) where they secondly appear in paragraph (2)(*a*), there shall be substituted the words "the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications".

(**a**) 1949 c. 43.
(**b**) 1964 c. 47.
(**c**) S.I. 1965/145 (1965 I, p. 438).
(**d**) 1889 c. 63.
(**e**) S.I. 1965/1108 (1965 II, p. 3108)

(3) In Rules 17(1) and 25(1), for the words "the Postmaster General" there shall be substituted the words "the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications".

(4) In Rule 27(1) and (3), for the words "the Performance Specification for a Voluntary-Fitted Radiotelephone Equipment for use solely for Distress, Urgency and Safety Purposes 1964 issued by the Postmaster General" there shall be substituted the words "the Performance Specification for a Compulsory Radiotelephone Distress Equipment Suitable for use in Fishing Boats' Survival Craft 1965 issued by the Postmaster General as reprinted in 1968".

(5) In paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Schedule 1, for the words "the Postmaster General" there shall be substituted the words "the Postmaster General or the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications".

(6) In paragraph 1 of Part II of Schedule 2, there shall be added at the end of the paragraph the words "as reprinted in 1968".

(7) In paragraph 1 of Part III of Schedule 2, in paragraph 1 of Part II of Schedule 3 and in paragraph 1 of Schedule 11, there shall be added at the end of the paragraph in each case the words "as reprinted in 1967".

(8) In Schedule 11—

(*a*) in paragraph 2(3), for the figure "30 lbs" there shall be substituted "31 lbs"; and

(*b*) in paragraph 6(*b*), for the words "the base of which should not be greater than two inches in diameter" there shall be substituted the words "the base of which shall be between 1⅛ and 1¼ inches in diameter".

Gwyneth Dunwoody,
Parliamentary Secretary to the
Board of Trade.

17th September 1969.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Rules.)

These Rules amend the Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Boats) Rules 1965 by making changes in references therein to the Postmaster General in consequence of the transfer of his functions to the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications and the Post Office under the Post Office Act 1969. They bring up to date references in the 1965 Rules to Performance Specifications issued by the Postmaster General for radio equipment, and also include two minor changes in the requirements for portable radio equipment for survival craft.