STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 531

MERCHANT SHIPPING
SAFETY

The Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1980

Made - - -	*17th April 1980*
Coming into Operation	*25th May 1980*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 4(2) and (3) of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1977(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 25th May 1980.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings respectively:—

"The Acts" means the Merchant Shipping Act 1964(**b**) and the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1977;

"The Safety Convention of 1960" means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1960;

"The Safety Convention of 1974" means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974;

"1960 certificate" means a certificate which—

(*a*) purports to have been issued in accordance with the Safety Convention of 1960 in respect of a ship registered outside the United Kingdom; and

(*b*) complies with such of the provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Accepted Safety Convention Certificates) Regulations 1965(**c**), as are applicable in the circumstances.

2. Any country to which the Safety Convention of 1960 applies shall, up to and including the 25th May 1981, be treated for the purposes of the Acts as if it were a country to which the Safety Convention of 1974 applies.

3. Any 1960 certificate which—

(*a*) relates to a ship registered in a country in respect of which the Safety Convention of 1974 takes effect on the 25th May 1980; and

(**a**) 1977 c. 24. (**b**) 1964 c. 47. (**c**) S.I. 1965/1145.

(*b*) is in force on the 25th May 1980

shall, so long as it remains in force, be treated as if it were an accepted Convention certificate within the meaning of the Acts.

4. Any 1960 certificate which relates to a ship registered in a country to which the Safety Convention of 1974 does not for the time being apply shall be treated as if it were an accepted Convention certificate within the meaning of the Acts so long as the certificate remains in force: provided that no such certificate shall be so treated after the 25th May 1981.

5. Any 1960 certificate which—

(*a*) relates to a ship registered in a country in respect of which the Safety Convention of 1974 takes effect on a date later than the 25th May 1980; and

(*b*) is in force on such later date

shall be treated, with effect from such later date and so long as it remains in force, as if it were an accepted Convention certificate within the meaning of the Acts.

Norman Tebbit,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

17th April 1980.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations provide that a country to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1960 applies shall be treated up to and including the 25th May 1981 for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping Act 1964 and the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1977, as if it were a country to which the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1974 applies. The Regulations also provide for the continued acceptance for a limited time of certain certificates issued under the 1960 Convention in respect of ships not registered in the United Kingdom as if they had been issued under the 1974 Convention.