

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations give effect to an amendment to the International Convention for the Safety at Sea 1974 (SOLAS) adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the International Maritime Organisation at its 57th Session on 11 April 1989. The amendment, concerns the provision of an appropriate safe manning document or equivalent to every ship to which Chapter I of the Convention applies.

The Regulations apply to all UK sea-going ships of 500 tons or over and to non-UK ships of 500 tons or over while they are within the United Kingdom or the territorial waters thereof. They require every such ship to be provided with a document issued by or on behalf of the flag state of the ship specifying the level of manning considered necessary to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the ship.