

SCHEDULE 1

Regulations 30, 52, 72 and 78

APPROVAL OF NAMES

1. Every application to the Registrar to approve a name shall specify a name which is in Roman letters; any numerals shall be in Roman or European numerals.
2. In respect of an application to register a ship, other than a fishing vessel, on Parts I or IV of the Register, the Registrar shall not approve the proposed name if it is:—
 - (a) already the name of a registered British ship, or
 - (b) a name so similar to that of a registered British ship as to be calculated to deceive or likely to confuse;
 - (c) a name which may be confused with a distress signal;
 - (d) a name which is prefixed by any letters or name which could be taken to indicate a type of ship or any other word, pre-fix or suffix which might cause confusion as to the name of the ship.
3. In respect of an application to register a fishing vessel on Parts II or IV of the Register, the Registrar shall not approve the proposed name in it is:—
 - (a) already the name of a vessel in its port of choice, or
 - (b) a name so similar to that of a registered British fishing vessel in its port of choice as to be calculated to deceive or likely to confuse;
 - (c) a name which may be confused with a distress signal;
 - (d) a name which is prefixed by any letters or name which could be taken to indicate a type of ship or any other word, pre-fix or suffix which might cause confusion as to the name of the ship.
4. Subject to paragraph 5 below, if the Registrar is satisfied that a name does not fall within 2(a) to (d) or 3(a) to (d) he shall notify the applicant in writing that the name is approved and the ship may be registered with that name.
5. Notwithstanding that the Registrar is satisfied as to paragraphs 2 or 3 he may refuse to approve a name—
 - (a) which might cause offence or embarrassment;
 - (b) which has a clear and direct connection with the Royal family;
6. Any approval given under paragraphs 2 or 3 shall be valid only for the period of 3 months beginning with the date it is notified to the applicant.
7. If the Registrar is not so satisfied he shall notify the applicant accordingly.
8. Notwithstanding paragraph 6, the Registrar may allow the reservation of a ship's name or designation for a period of 10 years if he is satisfied that:—
 - (a) the ship is intended to replace another of the same name which is to be registered within 10 years of the date of the application, and
 - (b) the applicant is the owner of a registered ship with the same name as that which is to be reserved and its British registration will be closed before the registration of the new vessel, or
 - (c) the applicant is the owner of a registered ship with the same name as that which is to be reserved and it will be sold before the registration of the new vessel on condition that it changes its name and that its name is so changed.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).

9. Applications for a reservation under paragraph 8 must be accompanied by a full statement of the circumstances of the case.

10. Where a ship having once been registered has ceased to be registered, no person (unless ignorant of the previous registration, 9 (proof whereof will lie on him) shall apply for registration of the ship other than by the name by which it was previously registered except with the written permission of the Registrar.