
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MERCHANT SHIPPING

**The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels
(Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997**

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Whereas the Secretary of State is a Minister designated⁽¹⁾ for the purpose of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972⁽²⁾ in relation to measures relating to the safety of ships, and the health and safety of persons on them;

And whereas, in so far as the following Regulations are made in the exercise of powers conferred by section 85 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995⁽³⁾, the Secretary of State has in pursuance of subsection (4) of section 86 of that Act consulted persons he considers will be affected as mentioned in that subsection:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by the said section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972, and by sections 85(1)(a) and (b), (3), (5) to (7) and 86(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 and of all other powers enabling him on that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

(1) S.I. 1993/595.
(2) 1972 c. 68; by virtue of the amendment of section 1(2) of the European Communities Act by section 1 of the European Economic Area Act 1993 (c. 5) regulations may be made under section 2(2) of the European Communities Act to implement obligations of the United Kingdom created or arising by or under the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992 (Cm 2073) and the Protocol adjusting the Agreement signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993 (Cm 2183).
(3) 1995 c. 21; sections 85 and 86 were amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997(c. 28), section 8, and are applied to hovercraft by the Hovercraft (Application and Enactments) Order 1989 (S.I. 1989/1350).