
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1012

**The Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection:
Large Ships) Regulations 1998**

PART X

EQUIVALENTS, PENALTIES AND DETENTION

Penalties

105.—(1) If a ship to which these Regulations apply proceeds or attempts to proceed to sea or on a voyage or excursion without complying with the requirements of these Regulations, the owner and master of the ship shall each be guilty of an offence in respect of each case of non-compliance and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and a fine.

(2) Any contravention of regulation 30(3)(c) by the master shall be an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding level 5.

(3) It shall be a good defence to a charge under this regulation to prove that the person charged took all reasonable steps to avoid commission of the offence.