
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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

GENERAL

Requirements for ships constructed on or after 25th May 1980

Firemen's outfits

46.—(1) Every fireman's outfit carried in compliance with these Regulations shall consist of—

- (a) a breathing apparatus complying with the requirements specified in Schedule 5 in Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1665; and
- (b) personal equipment comprising—
 - (i) a portable self-contained electric battery-operated safety lamp of an approved type capable of functioning efficiently for a period of at least three hours;
 - (ii) a fireman's axe;
 - (iii) protective clothing of material capable of protecting the skin from the heat radiating from the fire and from burns and scalding by steam; the outer surface shall be water resistant;
 - (iv) boots and gloves of rubber or other electrically non-conducting material; and
 - (v) a rigid helmet providing effective protection against impact.

(2) Firemen's outfits shall be stored in readily accessible positions which are not likely to be cut off in the event of fire and, except as provided for by regulation 12(2) where more than one such outfit is provided, they shall be stored in widely separated positions.