#### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# MERCHANT SHIPPING SAFETY

The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ship Construction: Ships of Classes III to VI(A)) Regulations 1998

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# THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PASSENGER SHIP CONSTRUCTION: SHIPS OF CLASSES III TO VI(A)) REGULATIONS 1998

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