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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Work at Height) Regulations 2010**

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**THE MERCHANT SHIPPING AND FISHING  
VESSELS (HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK)  
(WORK AT HEIGHT) REGULATIONS 2010**

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — REQUIREMENTS FOR LADDERS

1. A ladder shall be positioned so as to ensure its...
2. (1) A suspended ladder shall be attached in a manner...
3. (1) A portable ladder shall rest on footing that is...
4. The feet of a portable ladder shall be prevented from...
5. A ladder used for access shall be long enough to...
6. No interlocking or extension ladder shall be used unless its...
7. A mobile ladder shall be prevented from moving before it...
8. A ladder shall be used in such a way that—...

#### SCHEDULE 2 — REQUIREMENTS FOR SCAFFOLDING

1. Strength and stability calculations for scaffolding shall be carried out...
2. Depending on the complexity of the scaffolding chosen, an assembly,...
3. A copy of the plan, including any instructions it may...
4. The bearing components of the scaffolding shall be prevented from...
5. The load-bearing surface of the scaffolding shall be of sufficient...
6. The scaffolding shall be assembled and positioned to ensure its...
7. Wheeled scaffolding shall be prevented by appropriate devices from moving...
8. The dimensions, form and layout of scaffolding decks shall—
9. Scaffolding decks shall be assembled in such a way that...
10. There shall be no dangerous gaps between the scaffolding deck...
11. When any part of a scaffold is not available for...
12. Scaffolding shall be assembled, dismantled or significantly altered only under...
13. For the purposes of any provision of this Schedule, “competent...
14. For the purposes of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — REQUIREMENTS FOR ROPE ACCESS AND POSITIONING TECHNIQUES

1. A rope access or positioning technique shall be used only...
2. A rope access or positioning technique may involve a system...

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## Explanatory Note