

Merchant Shipping (Special Limits Passenger Ships) Safety Regulations

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PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Special Limits Passenger Ships) Safety Regulations.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“approved” means approved by the Director;

“Director” means the Director of Marine appointed under section 6 of the Merchant Shipping Act;

“existing ship” means a ship which is not a new ship;

“length”, in relation to a ship, means 96% of the total length on a waterline at 85% of the least moulded depth measured from the top of the keel, or the length from the foreside of the stem to the axis of the rudder stock on that waterline, if that be the greater. In a ship designed with a rake of keel, the waterline on which this length is measured shall be parallel to the designed waterline;

“new ship” means a passenger ship the keel of which is laid or which is at a similar stage of construction on or after 23rd April 1982, and includes a ship which is undergoing or has undergone conversion into a passenger ship or which is used as a passenger ship within the port limit and the 30-mile limit on or after that date;

“passenger” means every person other than —

(a) the master and members of the crew or other persons employed or engaged in any capacity on board a passenger ship on the business of the ship; and

(b) a child under one year of age;

“passenger ship” means a ship which carries more than 12 passengers;

“person” means a person above the age of one year;