

Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) (Amendment) Regulations 2002

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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT (CHAPTER 179)

MERCHANT SHIPPING (PREVENTION OF COLLISIONS AT SEA) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2002

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 100 of the Merchant Shipping Act, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Transport, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and shall come into operation on 29th November 2003.

Amendment of regulation 3

2. Regulation 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Regulations (Rg 10) is amended by deleting the words “and 4th November 1993” in the 3rd line and substituting the words “, 4th November 1993 and 29th November 2001”.

Amendment of Schedule

3. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 as set out in the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Regulations are amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “non-displacement craft” in Rule 3(a) of Part A, the words “, WIG craft”;
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (l) of Rule 3 of Part A and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(m) “wing-in-ground (WIG) craft” means a multimodal craft which, in its main operational mode, flies in close proximity to the surface by utilizing surface-effect action.”;

- (c) by deleting paragraph (a) of Rule 8 of section I of Part B and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) Any action to avoid collision shall be taken in accordance with the Rules of this Part and shall, if the circumstances of the case admit, be positive, made in ample time and with due regard to the observance of good seamanship.”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (e) of Rule 18 of section II of Part B, the following paragraph:

“(f) A WIG craft shall, when taking off, landing and in flight near the surface, keep well clear of all other vessels and avoid impeding their navigation.

- (ii) A WIG craft operating on the water surface shall comply with the Rules of this Part as a power-driven vessel.”;

- (e) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b) of Rule 23 of Part C, the following paragraph:

“(c) A WIG craft only when taking off, landing and in flight near the surface shall, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule, exhibit a high intensity all-round flashing red light.”;

- (f) by re-lettering the existing paragraph (c) of Rule 23 of Part C as paragraph (d);

- (g) by deleting Rule 31 of Part C and substituting the following Rule:

“Rule 31

Seaplanes

Where it is impracticable for a seaplane or WIG craft to exhibit lights and shapes of the characteristics or in the positions prescribed in the Rules of this Part she shall exhibit lights and shapes as closely similar in characteristics and position as is possible.”;

- (h) by deleting paragraph (a) of Rule 33 of Part D and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) A vessel of 12 metres or more in length shall be provided with a whistle, a vessel of 20 metres or more in length shall be provided with a bell in addition to a whistle, and a vessel of 100 metres or more in length shall, in addition, be provided with a gong, the tone and sound of which cannot be confused with that of the bell. The whistle, bell and gong shall comply with the specification in Annex III. The bell or gong or both may be replaced by other equipment having the same respective sound characteristics, provided that manual sounding of the required signals shall always be possible.”;

- (i) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (h) of Rule 35 of Part D, the following paragraph:

“(i) A vessel of 12 metres or more but less than 20 metres in length shall not be obliged to give the bell signals prescribed in paragraphs (g) and (h) of this Rule. However, if she does not, she shall make some other efficient sound signal at intervals of not more than 2 minutes.”;

- (j) by re-lettering the existing paragraphs (i) and (j) of Rule 35 of Part D as paragraphs (j) and (k), respectively;

- (k) by deleting section 13 of Annex I and substituting the following section:

““13. High-speed craft*

(a) The masthead light of high-speed craft may be placed at a height related to the breadth of the craft lower than that prescribed in paragraph 2 (a) (i) of this Annex, provided that the base angle of the isosceles triangles formed by the sidelights and masthead light, when seen in end elevation, is not less than 27°.