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I, EAMON RYAN, Minister for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972), for the purposes of giving further effect to Council Directive 1999/63/EC of 21 June 1999<sup>1</sup>, hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Merchant Shipping) (Organisation of Working Time) (Amendment) Regulations 2023.

2. The European Communities (Merchant Shipping) (Organisation of Working Time) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 532 of 2003) are amended by substituting—

- (a) in Regulation 8, for paragraph (1) the following:

“8. (1) The master of a ship may require a seafarer to perform any hours of work necessary for the immediate safety of the ship, persons on board or cargo, or for the purpose of giving assistance to another ship or persons in distress at sea, where it would not be practicable to comply with Regulation 5(1)(a).”, and

- (b) in Regulation 21, “a class A fine” for “a fine not exceeding €3,000”.



GIVEN under my Official Seal  
15 February, 2023.

EAMON RYAN,  
Minister for Transport.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 167, 2.7.1999, p.33

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)*

These Regulations amend the existing Regulations relating to the hours of work and rest for seafarers (S.I. No. 532 of 2003), setting out the circumstances under which the master of the ship may suspend the hours of work and rest and updating the fine which may be imposed on conviction for a summary offence under those Regulations.

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