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I, JACK CHAMBERS, Minister of State at the Department of Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by sections 10 (inserted by section 7 of the Merchant Shipping Act 2010 (No. 14 of 2010)) and 15 (inserted by section 8 of the Merchant Shipping Act 2010) (as adapted by the Communications, Climate Action and Environment (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 373 of 2020)) of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1952 (No. 29 of 1952), sections 82 and 84 of the Merchant Shipping Act 2010 (as adapted by the Transport, Tourism and Sport (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 351 of 2020)) and the Transport (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2024 (S.I. No. 225 of 2024), hereby make the following rules:

1. These Rules may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships) (Amendment) Rules 2024.

2. Rule 20 of the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships) Rules 2020 (S.I. No. 640 of 2020) is amended by substituting for paragraph (2) the following:

- “(2) (a) A double bottom shall be fitted extending from the forepeak bulkhead to the afterpeak bulkhead as far as this is practicable and compatible with the design and proper working of the ship.
- (b) Where the Minister is satisfied that the fitting of a double bottom in accordance with subparagraph (a) is not practicable and compatible with the design and proper working of a ship, a double bottom shall be fitted at least from the machinery space to the forepeak bulkhead, or as near thereto as practicable.”.

GIVEN under my hand,
28 May 2024

JACK CHAMBERS,
Minister of State at the Department of Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules amend Rule 20(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships) Rules 2020 (S.I. No. 640 of 2020) in relation to double bottom requirements.

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