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Safety Code for Passenger Ships Operating Solely in UK Categorised Waters

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Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora -
Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien
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Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele
de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Safety Code for Passenger Ships Operating Solely in UK Categorised Waters

6. Products Concerned

The draft Safety Code is a consolidation and amendment to the current safety regulations and will cover all new passenger ships, carrying more than 12 passengers, operating solely in UK categorised waters (1).

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft Safety Code addresses the safety of passenger ships on UK inland waterways and takes the form of a Merchant Shipping Notice (MSN) implemented by a Statutory Instrument sent with this notification, see attached the draft Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships) (Safety Code for UK Categorised Waters) Regulations 2010. The MSN provides the requirements in one comprehensive document, consolidating all the current regulations with some amendments. The Safety Code covers ship construction, equipment to be carried onboard, inspection and maintenance regimes and also operational aspects. Ships operating in UK inland waterways will be surveyed against the requirements given in the Code and provided the surveyor is content that the ship and its operating procedures fully comply with the requirements, a Passenger Ships Safety Certificate will be issued allowing the Master to proceed on a voyage. The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In August 1989, the passenger ship MARCHIONESS, operating on the Thames, and the dredger BOWBELLE collided, a disaster which resulted in 51 deaths. Recommendations from Public Inquiries, Investigations and Formal Safety Assessment Studies highlighted certain areas where safety might be improved. Ministerial commitment was given in 2005 to improve safety standards on all UK passenger ships operating in UK categorised waters.

The draft Safety Code, which is also in response to the recommendations mentioned above, is mainly a rationalisation and consolidation of the current UK domestic regulations. The following sections of the draft Code are highlighted as the safety standards have been enhanced in these areas:

- improved fire protection of the engine room by provision of a fixed fire fighting system, fire detection and structural fire protection - Part A General Requirements, Section 15 Fire Safety;
- increased life raft provision as evacuation exercises demonstrated that life rafts provide a very efficient evacuation platform for domestic passenger ships - Part A General Requirements, Section 12 Life Saving Appliances; and
- hull construction, machinery installations, electrical arrangements, control systems and bilge pumping systems should be in accordance with Classification Society Rules or Sea Fish Industry Authority standards as appropriate – Part A General Requirements, Section 4 Requirement for a Partial Declaration of Survey of a



Passenger Ship (Partial Declaration) for Hull Construction, Machinery, Control Systems, Electrical Arrangements and Bilge Pumping Systems.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships) (Safety Code for UK Categorised Waters) Regulations 2010

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

The impact assessment is attached.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

(1) UK categorised waters means UK Inland Waterways

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