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MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE - HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE AT SEA

Date received : 09/03/1992 End of Standstill: 15/06/1992

Message

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

UNITED KINGDOM

3. Department Responsible

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY: STANDARDS, QUALITY AND **POLICY UNIT**

3. Originating Department

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT/MARINE DIRECTORATE

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6. Products Concerned

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7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

THE DRAFT MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE RECOMMENDS THE PROVISION OF SUITABLE FACILITIES FOR EMERGENCY HELICOPTER OPERATIONS ON ALL TYPES OF SEA-GOING SHIPS.

IT ALSO GIVES GUIDANCE ON:

- 1. THE PROVISION OF AREAS SUITABLE FOR WINCHING AND LOW HOVERING OPERATIONS.
- 2. THE CONTINGENCY PLANS WHICH SHOULD BE MADE AND THE DRILLS WHICH SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN IN ANTICIPATION OF THE NEED FOR HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING USE OF HELICOPTERS DURING EMERGENCIES ON BOARD SHIPS AT SEA, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PROVISION BE MADE ON BOARD SHIPS TO PREPARE FOR SUCH EVENTUALITIES AND TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS NATURE OF SUCH OPERATIONS.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE WOULD SUPERSEDE AN EARLIER NOTICE (NO.1204) ISSUED IN DECEMBER 1985.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts DRAFT DOCUMENTS :

MERCHANT SHIPPING NOTICE - HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE AT SEA INCLUDING ANNEXES 1 AND 2

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure NO

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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