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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The draft Code applies to vessels in commercial use for sport or pleasure which are 24 metres in load line length and over or, built before 21 July 1968, 150 gross tons (GT) and over according to the tonnage measurement regulations at that date and which do not carry cargo and do not carry more than 12 passengers.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft Code sets out required standards of safety and pollution prevention appropriate to the size and specific needs of vessels in commercial use for sport and pleasure. The standards applied are either those set out by the relevant international conventions or equivalent standards where it is not reasonable or practicable to comply with the international conventions. However, whilst the draft Code is generally less prescriptive than existing UK regulations its requirements for structural fire protection for vessels over 24 metres load line length and under 500 GT exceed those of the SOLAS Convention, because the Convention, has no requirements for cargo vessels of this size.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Large sport and pleasure vessels, if operated commercially, are subject at least to the requirements of the International



Load Line Convention 1996. Whilst these rules are implemented in the UK by the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules they are not ideally suited for these types of vessels since constructional details are aimed at more conventional ships. It was therefore felt that it would be more appropriate to introduce a Code of Practice which was relevant to these particular vessels.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. A draft 'Code of Practice for the safety of large commercial sailing & motor vessels', and the draft Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) Regulations which will implement the Code in the UK.

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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