

**2021 No. 592**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**SAFETY**

**The Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship) (Bilge Alarm) Regulations  
2021**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th May 2021</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>24th May 2021</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>30th June 2021</i>

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 85(1), (3)(a), (d) and (f), (6) and (7) and 86(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995<sup>(a)</sup>, and having consulted the persons referred to in section 86(4) of that Act, makes the following Regulations.

**Citation, commencement and extent**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Cargo Ship) (Bilge Alarm) Regulations 2021 and come into force on 30th June 2021.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“cargo ship” means a mechanically propelled ship that is not a—

- (a) passenger ship;
- (b) warship;
- (c) fishing vessel; or
- (d) pleasure vessel;

“passenger” means any person carried on a ship except—

- (a) a person employed or engaged in any capacity on the business of the ship;
- (b) a person on board the ship either in pursuance of the obligation laid upon the master to carry shipwrecked, distressed or other persons, or by reason of any circumstance that neither the master nor the owner nor the charterer (if any) could have prevented or forestalled; or
- (c) a child of under one year of age;

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1995 c. 21. Sections 85 and 86 were amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c. 28), sections 8 and 29(2) and Schedule 7, Part 1. Section 85 was amended by the British Overseas Territories Act 2002 (c. 8), section 2(3). There are other amendments to section 85 which are not relevant to these Regulations.