STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 354

MERCHANT SHIPPING

SAFETY

The Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

Made - - - -	*10th March 2016*
Laid before Parliament	*15th March 2016*
Coming into force - -	*6th April 2016*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 85(1)(a) and (b), (3) and (5) to (7) and 86(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(**1**), and having consulted the persons referred to in section 86(4) of that Act, makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 6th April 2016.

(2) In these Regulations, "the 1998 Regulations" means the Merchant Shipping (Small Workboats and Pilot Boats) Regulations 1998(**2**).

Amendment of the 1998 Regulations

2. For the definitions of "EEA Agreement" and "EEA State" in regulation 3(1) of the 1998 Regulations substitute —

> ""EEA Agreement" and "EEA State" have the meaning given by Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978(**3**)."

3. After regulation 10 of the 1998 Regulations insert—

"**Review**

11.—(1) The Secretary of State must from time to time—

(**1**) 1995 c.21: sections 85 and 86 were amended by the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997 (c.28), section 8.
(**2**) S.I. 1998/1609, as amended by S.I. 2006/2055, 2013/1785 and 2015/782.
(**3**) 1978 c.30.

(a) carry out a review of these Regulations;

(b) set out the conclusions of the review in a report, and

(c) publish the report.

(2) In carrying out the review the Secretary of State must, so far as is reasonable, have regard to how the European obligations or any other international obligations of the United Kingdom (which are implemented by means of these Regulations) are implemented in other member States or countries which are subject to those obligations.

(3) The report must in particular—

(a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by the regulatory system established by these Regulations,

(b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved, and

(c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate and, if so, the extent to which they could be achieved with a system that imposes less regulation.

(4) The first report under this regulation must be published before the end of the period of five years beginning with 6th April 2016.

(5) Reports under this regulation are afterwards to be published at intervals not exceeding five years."

4. Substitute the table in the Schedule (which contains a list of Regulations relating to vessel safety which do not apply to small workboats and pilot boats which comply with a relevant Code of Practice) for the table in the Schedule to the 1998 Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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10th March 2016