

## GENERAL EXEMPTION

The Secretary of State, in their powers under Section 85(6) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 together with the exemption powers<sup>1</sup> in each of the appropriate regulations hereby exempts:

Ships of Class **IX(A)** that do not carry cargo and do not carry more than 12 passengers<sup>2</sup>

from the requirements of such regulations as applicable to it being a ship of Class IX(A) being:

The Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection: Small Ships) Regulations 1998, (SI 1998 No. 1011), as amended; and

The Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances For Ships Other Than Ships Of Classes III To VI(A)) Regulations 1999, (SI 1999 No. 2721), as amended,

on condition that:

(a) the vessel does not proceed to sea<sup>3</sup>;

AND

(b) the vessel meets the requirements of the Inland Waters Small Passenger Boat Code<sup>4</sup> published by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and The Association of Inland Navigation Authorities;

(i) where licenced by the Local Authority to the satisfaction of the attending surveyor; or

(ii) where the Local Authority do not issue licences these requirements are complied with voluntarily.

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<sup>1</sup> SI 1999 No. 2721; Regulation 85.

SI 1998 No. 1011; Regulation 47.

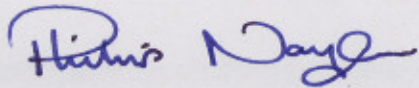
<sup>2</sup> A passenger is defined in SI 1998 No. 2514; Regulation 2(2).

<sup>3</sup> Sea areas determined in the Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Waters) Regulations 1992 and Merchant Shipping Notice MSN 1776 (M).

<sup>4</sup> Available at [www.mcga.gov.uk](http://www.mcga.gov.uk)

This exemption shall have immediate effect and only until such time as the appropriate parts of the regulations<sup>5</sup> are revoked, or this exemption is either amended, revoked or expires,

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2010



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SI 1999 No. 2721; Regulations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 18, 40, 46, 62, 67.  
SI 1998 No. 1011; Regulations 1, 2, 21.