

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NORWAY</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Norwegian Maritime Directorate P.O. Box 8123 Dep N 0032 Oslo Norway Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Fire extinguishing systems in engine rooms on board passenger ships. Fixed local application fire-fighting system
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: (a) Draft Regulations Concerning Amendments to Regulations of 22 June 1999 No. 536 Concerning Fire Safety Measures in Ships to which the Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Applies (2 pages, available in Norwegian and in English); (b) Draft Regulations Concerning Amendments to Regulations of 17 June 1987 No. 1296 Concerning Fire Safety Measures in Ships to which the Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea does not Apply (2 pages, available in Norwegian and in English)
6. Description of content: Machinery spaces of category A above 500 m ³ in gross volume, on new passenger ships of 500 tons and above constructed on or after 1 January 2000 and on passenger ships of 2000 tons and above, constructed before 1 January 2000, shall be protected by a fixed water based or equivalent local application fire-fighting system.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In consequence of the fire 8 July 1999 on board the Norwegian passenger ship MV Prinsesse Ragnhild, a group of experts has recommended that machinery spaces of 500 m ³ and above on Norwegian passenger ships, should be protected by a fixed local application fire-fighting system.
8. Relevant documents: MSC 71/5 Annex 9 and MSC Circ. 913 date 4 June 1999
9. Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 January 2000

10. Final date for comments: 6 December 1999

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:

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