

DECISION No 2/2023

**OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN ISLAND ON THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF
CERTIFICATES OF CONFORMITY FOR MARINE EQUIPMENT AMENDING
ANNEXES I, II, AND III**

THE JOINT COMMITTEE,

Having regard to the Agreement between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Mutual Recognition of Certificates of Conformity for Marine Equipment (“the Agreement”), and in particular Article 7 thereof;

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 7.3(d) of the Agreement, the Joint Committee established under Article 7.1 of the Agreement may amend the Annexes thereto.
- (2) In order to support the proper implementation of the legislation and regulation that is within the scope of the Agreement it is important to include policy guidance published by the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.K. Maritime and Coastguard Agency in the list of laws, regulations and administrative provisions listed in Annex I.
- (3) Therefore, Annex I to the Agreement should be amended accordingly.
- (4) In accordance with Article 7.3(a) of the Agreement, the Joint Committee is responsible for developing and maintaining the list in Annex II of products and associated legislative, regulatory, and administrative provisions that the Parties have determined to be equivalent.
- (5) Taking into account technical progress and changes to the international instruments, the United States and the United Kingdom have decided on the modification of the product coverage for mutual recognition.
- (6) Therefore, Annex II of the Agreement should be amended accordingly.
- (7) The list of regulatory authorities and their addresses, to the extent necessary, should be updated.
- (8) Therefore, Annex III of the Agreement should be amended accordingly.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Annexes I, II, and III of the Agreement are replaced by the text in the Attachment to this Decision.

This Decision, done in duplicate, is signed by the representatives of the Joint Committee who are authorized to act on behalf of each Party for purposes of amending the Agreement. This Decision is effective from the date of the later of these signatures.



On behalf of the
United States of America

Signed in Washington, D.C. on
Nov. 14, 2023



On behalf of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland

Signed in London, on
8 December 2023

ATTACHMENT TO DECISION 2/2023

Annexes I, II, and III of the Agreement are replaced by the text below.

ANNEX I

LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

UK legislation, regulations and administrative provisions:

- The Merchant Shipping (Marine Equipment) Regulations 2016 as amended.
- Regulations available: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2016/1025/contents>
- Merchant Shipping Notice 1874 as amended
- Additional guidance posted on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-marine-equipment-regulations>

U.S. legislation, regulations and administrative provisions:

- United States Code, Title 46 (46 U.S.C. § 3306), provides statutory authority to the United States Coast Guard (through delegation by the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security) to issue regulations for approval of marine equipment.
- United States Code of Federal Regulations
 - Title 46, Subpart 2.75 and Part 159, related to the authorities and procedures for U.S. Coast Guard approval of marine equipment;
 - Title 46, Parts 160 to 164, for lifesaving equipment, electrical equipment, engineering systems;
 - Title 47, Part 80 for radio equipment. Equipment which includes a radio transmitter is regulated by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and requires FCC type-certification before such equipment may be marketed, sold or used in the United States. These items are identified by ‡ in Annex II.
- Policy guidance issued by the U.S. Coast Guard
 - Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 02-19 pertaining to approvals issued by the U.S. Coast Guard under the MRA.
 - NVIC 08-01, for approval of navigation equipment.
 - Additional guidance posted on: <https://www.dco.uscg.mil/CG-ENG-4/Equipment/>

ANNEX II
PRODUCT COVERAGE FOR MUTUAL RECOGNITION

Lifesaving appliances

Product item identification	UK item number	U.S. item number
Position- indicating lights for life- saving appliances: for survival craft and rescue boats	UK/1.2a	161.101
Position- indicating lights for life- saving appliances: for lifebuoys	UK/1.2b	161.110
Position- indicating lights for life- saving appliances: for lifejackets	UK/1.2c	161.112
Lifebuoy self- activating smoke signals Note: Expiration date not to exceed 48 months after month of manufacture.	UK/1.3	160.157
Rocket parachute flares (pyrotechnics) Note: Expiration date not to exceed 48 months after month of manufacture.	UK/1.8	160.136
Hand flares (pyrotechnics) Note: Expiration date not to exceed 48 months after month of manufacture.	UK/1.9	160.121
Buoyant smoke signals (pyrotechnics) Note: Expiration date not to exceed 48 months after month of manufacture.	UK/1.10	160.122
Line-throwing appliances Note: Expiration date not to exceed 48 months after month of manufacture.	UK/1.11	160.040
Rigid liferafts Note: The emergency pack is not covered by the Agreement	UK/1.13	160.118

Product item identification	UK item number	U.S. item number
<p>Automatically self-righting liferafts (rigid liferafts only/inflatable liferafts not covered)</p> <p>Note: The emergency pack is not covered by the Agreement</p>	UK/1.14b	160.118
<p>Canopied reversible liferafts (rigid liferafts only/inflatable liferafts not covered)</p> <p>Note: The emergency pack is not covered by the Agreement</p>	UK/1.15	160.118
<p>Float-free arrangements for liferafts (hydrostatic release units)</p>	UK/1.16	160.162
<p>Release mechanism for: Lifeboats and rescue boats (launched by a fall or falls)</p> <p>Limited to Davit-launched liferaft automatic release hook</p>	UK/1.26a	160.170
<p>Release mechanism for: Liferafts (launched by a fall or falls)</p> <p>Limited to Davit-launched liferaft automatic release hook</p>	UK/1.26b	160.170
<p>Marine evacuation systems</p>	UK/1.27	160.175
<p>Embarkation Ladders</p>	UK/1.29	160.117
<p>Retro-reflective materials</p>	UK/1.30	164.018

Fire protection

Product item identification	UK item number	U.S. item number
Primary deck coverings	UK/3.1	164.106
'A' & 'B' Class divisions fire integrity: 'A' class divisions: A-60 deck assemblies	UK/3.11a	164.105
'A' & 'B' Class divisions fire integrity: 'A' class divisions: A-60 structural insulation	UK/3.11a	164.107
'A' & 'B' Class divisions fire integrity: 'B' class divisions. - bulkheads.	UK/3.11b	164.108
'A' & 'B' Class divisions fire integrity: 'B' class divisions. - ceilings.	UK/3.11b	164.110
Non-combustible materials	UK/3.13	164.109
Fire doors Limited to fire doors without windows or with total window area no more than 645 cm ² in each door leaf, unless hose stream, heat flux, and/or temperature rise tests are conducted according to the FTP Code, as per USCG approval guidance. Approval limited to maximum door size tested. Doors must be used with a fire tested frame design.	UK/3.16	164.136
Fire door control systems components.	UK/3.17	164.146
Surface materials and floor coverings with low flame-spread characteristics: decorative veneers.	UK/3.18a	164.112
Surface materials and floor coverings with low flame-spread characteristics: paint systems.	UK/3.18b	164.112
Surface materials and floor coverings with low flame-spread characteristics: floor coverings.	UK/3.18c	164.117
Surface materials and floor coverings with low flame-spread characteristics: combustible ducts membrane.	UK/3.18f	164.112
Draperies, curtains and other suspended textile materials and films	UK/3.19	164.111

Product item identification	UK item number	U.S. item number
Upholstered furniture: Cover material for flame-retardant filling material	UK/3.20b	164.144
Upholstered furniture: Cover material for flame-retardant filling material (tested in specific combination as intended for the later application).	UK/3.20c	164.144
Bedding components	UK/3.21	164.142
Fire dampers	UK/3.22	164.139
Penetrations through 'A' class electric cable transits.	UK/3.26a	164.138
Penetrations through 'A' class pipe, duct, trunk, etc. penetrations	UK/3.26b	164.138
Fire restricting materials (except furniture) for high-speed craft	UK/3.32	164.201
Fire restricting materials for furniture for high- speed craft	UK/3.33	164.201
Fire resisting divisions for high-speed craft	UK/3.34	164.207
C class divisions	UK/3.64	164.109

Navigation equipment

Product item identification	UK item number	US item number
Magnetic compass Class A for ships	UK/4.1	165.101
Transmitting heading device THD (magnetic method)	UK/4.2	165.102
Echo-sounding equipment	UK/4.6	165.107
Speed and distance measuring equipment (SDME)	UK/4.7	165.105
Rate- of- turn- indicator	UK/4.9	165.106
Heading control system (HCS)	UK/4.16	165.110
Rudder Angle Indicator	UK/4.20	165.167
Propeller revolution indicator	UK/4.21	165.168
Pitch Indicator	UK/4.22	165.169
Voyage data recorder (VDR)	UK/4.29	165.150
Electronic chart display and information system (ECDIS) with backup, and raster chart display system (RCDS)	UK/4.30	165.123 165.124
Universal automatic identification system equipment (AIS)	UK/4.32	165.155
Track control system (working at ship's speed from minimum manoeuvring speed up to 30 knots)	UK/4.33	165.112
Radar reflector passive type	UK/4.39	165.160
Heading control system for high-speed craft	UK/4.40	165.210
Transmitting heading device THD (GNSS method)	UK/4.41	165.102
Searchlight for high-speed craft	UK/4.42	165.252
Night vision equipment for high-speed craft	UK/4.43	165.251
Transmitting heading device THD (Gyroscopic method)	UK/4.46	165.102

Product item identification	UK item number	US item number
Simplified voyage data recorder (S- VDR)	UK/4.47	165.151
Pilot ladder	UK/4.49	163.003
Daylight signaling lamp	UK/4.52	165.166
Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS)	UK/4.57	165.142
Sound reception system	UK/4.58	165.165
Integrated navigation system	UK/4.59	165.141
GPS equipment	UK/4.63	165.130
GLONASS equipment	UK/4.63	165.131
DGPS equipment	UK/4.63	165.132
DGLONASS equipment	UK/4.63	165.133
Radar equipment CAT 1 (Radar equipment used with ARPA must have separate UK and USA certifications) †	UK/4.64	165.115
Radar equipment CAT 2 (Radar equipment used with ATA must have separate UK and USA certifications) †	UK/4.64	165.116
Radar equipment CAT 3 (Radar equipment used with EPA must have separate UK and USA certifications) †	UK/4.64	165.117
Radar equipment for high-speed craft applications (CAT 1H) †	UK/4.64	165.216
Radar equipment for high-speed craft applications (CAT 2H) †	UK/4.64	165.217
Gyro compass	UK/4.65	165.103
Gyro compass for high-speed craft	UK/4.65	165.203

ANNEX III
REGULATORY AUTHORITIES

UNITED KINGDOM

Maritime and Coastguard Agency
Spring Place
105 Commercial Road
Southampton
SO15 1EG

UNITED STATES

United States Coast Guard
Office of Design and Engineering Standards (CG- ENG)
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