



**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, MARINE AND
NATURAL RESOURCES**

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NOTICE TO ALL SHIPOWNERS, MARINE ENGINEERS, SEAFARERS AND CHANDLERS,
DECK OFFICERS, MARINE CONSULTANTS AND NAUTICAL COLLEGES.

SEA AREAS – EU DIRECTIVE 2003/25/EC

Background

Eight European Countries, including Ireland, agreed in Stockholm on 28 February 1996 (“Stockholm Agreement”) to introduce a higher stability standard for ro-ro passenger ships in a damaged condition in order to take account the effect of water accumulation on the ro-ro deck and to enable the ship to survive in more severe states than SOLAS 90 standard, up to 4 m significant wave height. This agreement was adopted by *The Merchant Shipping (Ro-Ro Passenger Ship Survivability) Rules, 1998*. These regulations apply to all passenger ro-ro ships operating on regular scheduled international voyages carrying passengers between, to or from designated ports irrespective of flag. The agreement states the significant wave heights to be used for determining the height of water when applying the technical standard contained in the Agreement.

EU Directive 2003/25/EC

At the conclusion of the conference at which the Stockholm Agreement was adopted, the Commission noted that the Agreement was not applicable in other parts of the Community and announced its intention to examine the prevailing local conditions under which ro-ro passenger ships sail in all European waters and to take appropriate initiatives. EU Directive 2003/25/EC has the effect of making the stability requirements contained in the Stockholm Agreement applicable to all ro-ro passenger ships, regardless that they flag, providing regular services to or from a port in the Member State on international voyages.

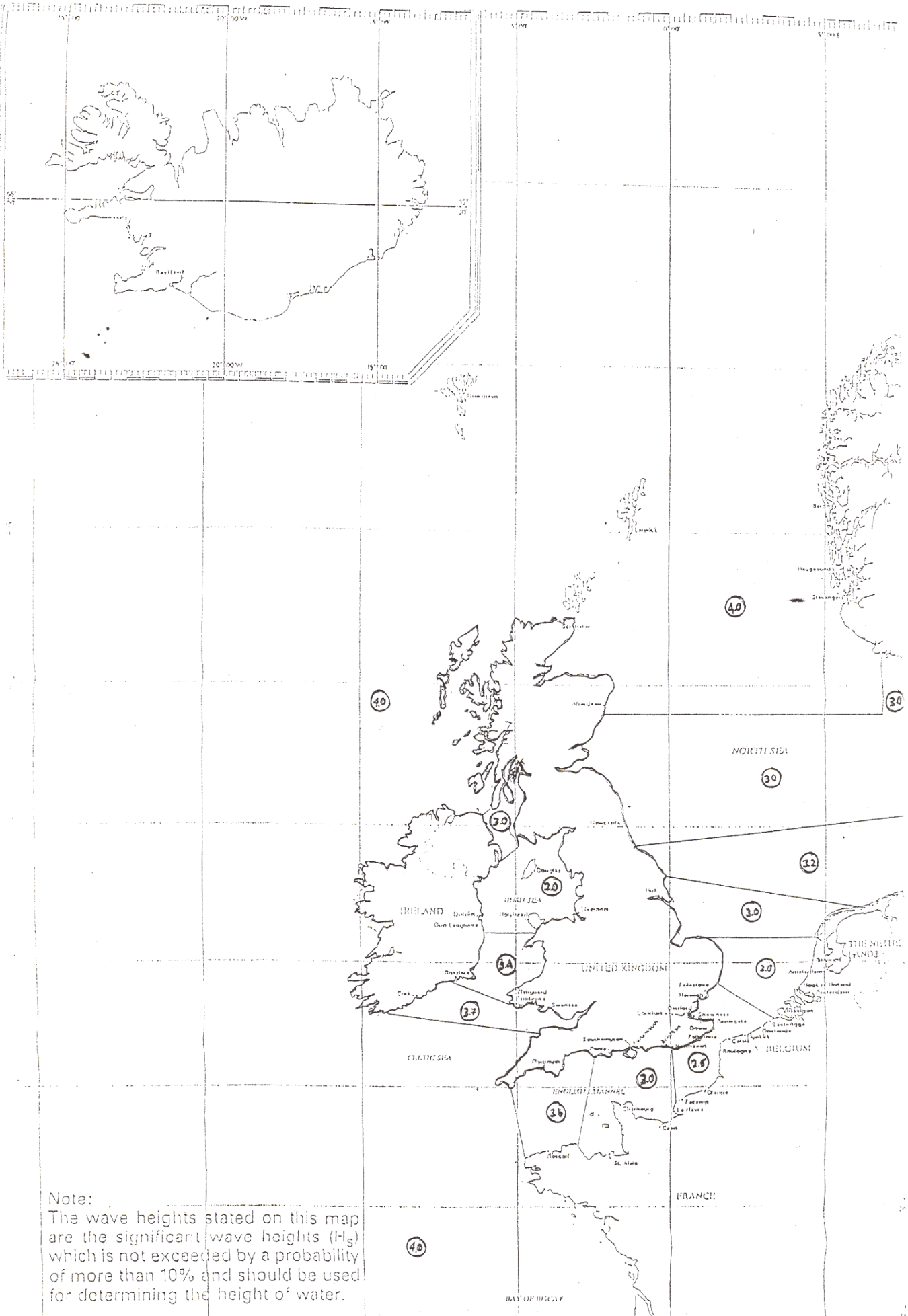
Sea Areas as per Article 5 of EU Directive 2003/25/EC

For the purposes of the implementation of EU Directive 2003/25/EC the sea areas and the applicable values of significant wave heights used for determining the height of water on the car deck shall be those specified in the “Stockholm Agreement”. A copy of the significant wave height relevant to Irish Sea Areas is attached.

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Note:
 The wave heights stated on this map are the significant wave heights (H_s) which is not exceeded by a probability of more than 10% and should be used for determining the height of water.