



Merchant Shipping Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 43

An Act to make further provision concerning oil pollution by ships and related matters; to give power to protect shipping and trading interests against foreign action concerning or affecting carriage of goods by sea; to make provision relating to the operation of submersible apparatus; to alter the constitution of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses; and to amend certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 relating to offences committed by seamen. [31st July 1974]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act modified by [Merchant Shipping Act 1988 \(c. 12, SIF 111\)](#), [s. 47\(2\)\(b\)](#), (with [s. 58\(4\)](#), [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)) and by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [art. 10](#)
Act: power to modify conferred (*prosp.*) by [1994 c. 28](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#), [10\(4\)](#) (which amending Act was repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21](#), [s. 314\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#))
- C2 Act excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [arts. 11–14](#)

PART I

THE INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND

F1

Textual Amendments

- F1 [S. 1](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21](#), [ss. 314\(1\)](#), [316\(2\)](#), [Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 1](#))

Contributions to Fund

F2

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 2 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F3 S. 3 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Compensation for persons suffering pollution damage

F4

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 4 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F5**4A**

Textual Amendments

F5 S. 4A repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1) and words in s. 4A(1) repealed (*prosp.*) by 1994 c. 28, **ss. 5(2)(a)**, 10(4) (which amending Act was repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, s. 314(1), **Sch. 12**)

Indemnification of shipowners

F6**5**

Textual Amendments

F6 S. 5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Supplemental

F7**6**

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F7 S. 6 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F8 S. 7 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F9 S. 8 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

(F10)8A)

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 8A repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

9 **F11**

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 9 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1979 (c. 39, SIF 111), ss. 47(2), 50(4), **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

PART II

10–13 **F12**

Textual Amendments

F12 Ss. 10–13 repealed by S.I. 1983/1106, art. 2, **Sch.**

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974. (See end of Document for details)

PART III

PROTECTION OF SHIPPING AND TRADING INTERESTS

F13 14

Textual Amendments

F13 S. 14 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.

F14 15

Textual Amendments

F14 S. 15 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.

PART IV

SUBMERSIBLE APPARATUS

F15 16

Textual Amendments

F15 S. 16 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F16 17

Textual Amendments

F16 S. 17 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

F17 18

Textual Amendments

F17 S. 18 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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19 Offences by seamen.

^{F18}(1)

(2) In section 27 (which creates an offence in relation to misconduct endangering a ship or persons on board, punishable on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding £200) for the words “£200” there shall be substituted the words “£400”.

^{F18}(3)

^{F18}(4)

^{F18}(5)

^{F18}(6)

Textual Amendments

F18 S. 19(1)(3)-(6) repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 The text of S. 19 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Supplemental

^{F19}**20**

Textual Amendments

F19 S. 20 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch.2**

^{F20}**21**

Textual Amendments

F20 S. 21 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

^{F21}**22**

Textual Amendments

F21 S.22 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch.2**

^{F22}**23**

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for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974. (See end of Document for details)*

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Textual Amendments

F22 S. 23 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F23 S. 24 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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SCHEDULES

^{F24}SCHEDULE 1

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Textual Amendments

F24 Sch. 1 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

SCHEDULES 2, 3

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Textual Amendments

F27 Schs. 2, 3 repealed by S.I. 1983/1106, art. 2, **Sch. 2**

^{F28}SCHEDULE 4

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Textual Amendments

F28 Sch. 4 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), **Sch.**

^{F31}SCHEDULE 5

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Textual Amendments

F31 Sch. 5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Changes to legislation:

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