



Merchant Shipping Act 1970

1970 CHAPTER 36

Engagement and discharge of crews

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Textual Amendments

F1 Ss. 1-5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)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

F2 Ss. 1-5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)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F3 Ss. 1-5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)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

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Textual Amendments

F5 Ss. 1-5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)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

F6 S. 6 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(3)(4), Sch. 4 para. 8, Sch. 5 Pt.II; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), Sch. 2

Wages, etc.

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Textual Amendments

F7 Ss. 7-18 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F8 Ss. 7-18 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

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Textual Amendments

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Textual Amendments

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Textual Amendments

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Textual Amendments

F18 Ss. 7-18 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Safety, health and welfare

F¹⁹19

Textual Amendments

F19 S. 19 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(3)(4), Sch. 4 para. 8, Sch. 5 Pt.II; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), Sch. 2

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Textual Amendments

F20 S. 20 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)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

F21 S. 21 repealed by S.I. 1989/102, reg. 1(3)(a)

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Textual Amendments

F22 S. 22 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

23 Other complaints.

F23

Textual Amendments

F23 S. 23 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), ss. 48, 57(5), Schs. 5, 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

24 Medical stores.

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Textual Amendments

F24 S. 24 repealed by [S.I. 1988/1547, reg. 1\(2\)\(a\)](#)

F25 25

Textual Amendments

F25 Ss. 25-28 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

F26 Ss. 25-28 repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\), Sch. 12](#) (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Offences by seamen, etc.

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Textual Amendments

F27 Ss. 25-28 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

F28 Ss. 25-28 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

F29 Ss. 29, 31 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (c. 43), s. 19(1)(3)

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Textual Amendments

F30 S. 30 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

F31 Ss. 29, 31 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (c. 43), s. 19(1)(3)

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Textual Amendments

F32 S. 32 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Defence of drug taken for medical purposes

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Textual Amendments

F33 S. 33 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Disciplinary offences

34–38 F³⁴

Textual Amendments

F34 Ss. 34–38 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1979 (c. 39), s. 52(2) Sch. 7 Pt. II

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Civil liability for absence without leave, smuggling and fines imposed under immigration laws

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Textual Amendments

F35 Ss. 39-41 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

F36 Ss. 39-41 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

F37 Ss. 39-41 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Trade disputes

42 Trade disputes involving seamen.

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(2) F³⁹
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Textual Amendments

F38 S. 42(1) repealed (16.10.1992) by Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (c. 52), ss. 300(1), 302, Sch.1; and expressed to be repealed (1.10.1995) by S.I. 1995/1980 (N.I.12), art. 150(4), Sch. 4; S.R. 1995/354, art. 2(1)

F39 S. 42(2) repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), ss. 48, 57(5), Schs. 5, 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

F40 S. 42(3) repealed by Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974 (c. 52), Sch. 5

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Manning and certification

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Textual Amendments

F41 Ss. 43-54 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

F42 Ss. 43-54 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

F43 Ss. 43-54 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

F44 Ss. 43-54 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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Disqualification of seamen, inquiries and investigations.

F50 52

Textual Amendments

F50 Ss. 43-54 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

F52 [Ss. 43-54](#) 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

F53 [S. 55](#) repealed by [Merchant Shipping Act 1988 \(c. 12, SIF 111\)](#), s. 57([5](#)), **Sch. 7**, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F54 [Ss. 56-64](#) 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

F59 Ss. 56-64 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Relief and repatriation of seamen left behind

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Textual Amendments

F60 Ss. 56-64 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

F62 Ss. 56-64 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Property of deceased seamen

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Textual Amendments

F63 [Ss. 65, 66](#) repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 2, SIF 111), ss. 48, 57(5), Schs. 5, 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

Application of sections 62 to 66 to masters

F⁶⁴67

Textual Amendments

F64 [Ss. 67-72](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21](#), ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Documentation, reports and returns

F⁶⁵68

Textual Amendments

F65 [Ss. 67-72](#) 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

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Textual Amendments

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F70 73

Textual Amendments

F70 S. 73 repealed (1.6.1994) by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), Sch. 7 (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1); S.I. 1994/1201, art. 2, Sch.

F71 74

Textual Amendments

F71 Ss. 74-83 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

F72 Ss. 74-83 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

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Inspections

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Textual Amendments

F74 Ss. 74-83 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Stowaways, unauthorised presence on board ship and master's power of arrest

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Textual Amendments

F75 Ss. 74-83 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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F76 Ss. 74-83 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

F77 Ss. 74-83 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Administrative provisions

F⁷⁸80

Textual Amendments

F78 Ss. 74-83 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

F80 Ss. 74-83 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

F80 Ss. 74-83 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

F81 Ss. 74-83 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

F82 S. 84 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), Sch. 5 Pt.II; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), Sch. 2

Miscellaneous

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Textual Amendments

F83 S. 85 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

F84 S. 86 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

F85 S. 87 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(3)(4), Sch. 4 para. 8, **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch. 2**

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Textual Amendments

F86 S. 88 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

F87 S. 89 repealed (1.6.1994) by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), ss. 48, 57(5), Schs. 5, 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1); S.I. 1994/1201, art. 2, **Sch.**

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Textual Amendments

F88 S. 90 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch.2**

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Textual Amendments

F89 S. 91 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Unregistered ships and ships registered outside the United Kingdom

F⁹⁰92

Textual Amendments

F90 Ss. 92-94 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch. 2**

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Textual Amendments

F91 Ss. 92-94 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), Sch. 5 Pt.II; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), Sch.2

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Textual Amendments

F92 Ss. 92-94 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), Sch. 5 Pt.II; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), Sch.2

Fishing vessels and non-sea-going ships

F⁹³95

Textual Amendments

F93 Ss. 95-101 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

F94 Ss. 95-101 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Supplementary

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Textual Amendments

F95 Ss. 95-101 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

F97 Ss. 95-101 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

F98 Ss. 95-101 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F99 **101**

Textual Amendments

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