



# 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Act: power to modify conferred (*prosp.*) by [1994 c. 28, ss. 5\(3\)\(a\), 10\(4\)](#) (which amending Act was repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, s. 314\(1\), Sch.](#))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

F<sup>1</sup>1 .....

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- F1 [S. 1](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\), Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\), Sch. 14 para. 1](#))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

F<sup>2</sup>2 .....

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**F2** [S. 2](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\), Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), Sch. 14 para. 1)

**F<sup>3</sup>3** .....

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**F3** [S. 3](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\), Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), Sch. 14 para. 1)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

**F<sup>4</sup>4** .....

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**F4** [S. 4](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\), Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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**F5** [S. 4A](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\), Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), Sch. 14 para. 1)  
and words in s. 4A(1) repealed (*prosp.*) by [1994 c. 28, ss. 5\(2\)\(a\), 10\(4\)](#) (which amending Act was  
repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, s. 314\(1\), Sch. 12](#))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

**F<sup>6</sup>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**F6** [S. 5](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\), Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), Sch. 14 para. 1)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*

**F<sup>7</sup>6** .....

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**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)

**F8** [7](#) .....

**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)

**F9** [8](#) .....

**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)

(<sup>F10</sup>[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** ..... <sup>F11</sup>

**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** ..... <sup>F12</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F12** [Ss. 10–13](#) repealed by [S.I. 1983/1106](#), art. 2, **Sch.**

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## PART III

### PROTECTION OF SHIPPING AND TRADING INTERESTS

F<sup>13</sup>14 .....

#### **Textual Amendments**

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

F<sup>14</sup>15 .....

#### **Textual Amendments**

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

## PART IV

### SUBMERSIBLE APPARATUS

F<sup>15</sup>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)

F<sup>16</sup>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

F<sup>17</sup>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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**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)

[F23](#) **24** .....

**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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## S C H E D U L E S

### F<sup>24</sup>SCHEDULE 1

#### **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

F<sup>27</sup>  
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#### **Textual Amendments**

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

### F<sup>28</sup>SCHEDULE 4

#### **Textual Amendments**

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

### F<sup>31</sup>SCHEDULE 5

#### **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)

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