



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power to modify conferred (*prosp.*) by [1994 c. 28](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#), [10\(4\)](#) (which amending Act was repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21](#), [s. 314\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#))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

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974, Introductory Text.