



Merchant Shipping Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 43

PART IV

SUBMERSIBLE APPARATUS

16 Apparatus to which Part IV applies

- (1) This Part of this Act applies to any submersible or supporting apparatus—
- (a) operated within waters which are in the United Kingdom or which are adjacent thereto and within the seaward limits of territorial waters, or
 - (b) launched or operated from, or comprising, a ship registered in the United Kingdom or a British ship of a specified description (being a British ship which is not registered in the United Kingdom).
- (2) In this section—
- " apparatus " includes any vessel, vehicle or hovercraft, any structure, any diving plant or equipment and any other form of equipment,
 - " specified " means specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this section,
 - " submersible apparatus " means any apparatus used, or designed for use, in supporting human life on or under the bed of any waters or elsewhere under the surface of any waters, and
 - " supporting apparatus " means any apparatus used or designed for use, in connection with the operation of any submersible apparatus.

17 Safety of submersible and supporting apparatus

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations—
- (a) for the safety of submersible and supporting apparatus ;
 - (b) for the prevention of accidents in or near submersible or supporting apparatus;
 - (c) for the safety, health and welfare of persons on or in submersible and supporting apparatus ;

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- (d) for prohibiting or otherwise restricting the operation of any submersible apparatus except in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted under the regulations ; and
 - (e) for the registration of submersible apparatus.
- (2) Regulations made under this section shall be contained in a statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (3) Schedule 5 to this Act shall have effect for supplementing the provisions of this section.