



Merchant Shipping Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 43

PART II

OIL TANKERS

11 Design and construction of oil tankers

- (1) For the purpose of preventing pollution of the sea by oil, the Secretary of State may make rules (called "oil tanker construction rules") prescribing requirements to be complied with by United Kingdom oil tankers in respect of their design and construction.
- (2) The said rules may include such requirements as appear to the Secretary of State to implement any of the provisions of the Conventions, so far as they relate to prevention of pollution of the sea by oil.

This subsection applies whether or not the said provisions are for the time being binding on Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

- (3) Oil tanker construction rules may provide—
 - (a) for oil tankers to be surveyed and inspected with a view to determining whether they comply with the rules,
 - (b) for a tanker which on a survey is found to comply to be issued with a certificate called a "tanker construction certificate", and
 - (c) for a tanker which is not required to comply with the rules to be issued with a certificate called a "tanker exemption certificate".
- (4) Schedule 2 to this Act shall have effect for supplementing this Part of this Act.
- (5) It is hereby declared that the oil tankers to which rules under this section may be applied include those designed or constructed before the rules come into force, and that the following provisions of this Part of this Act apply whether the oil tanker in question was designed or constructed before or after the relevant requirements as to design or construction came into force.

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- (6) Oil tanker construction rules shall be contained in a statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.