



# Merchant Shipping Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 43

## PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

### *Supplemental*

#### **23 Construction and interpretation**

- (1) This Act shall be construed as one with the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 1971, and without prejudice to the generality of this provision, references in those Acts to the Merchant Shipping Acts shall be construed as including references to this Act.
- (2) References in this Act to the area of any country include the territorial sea of that country, and references to pollution damage in the United Kingdom shall be construed accordingly.
- (3) It is hereby declared that any power to give directions conferred by this Act includes a power to vary or revoke directions so given.
- (4) Except so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended or extended by or under any other enactment.