



# Merchant Shipping Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 39

**U.K.**

An Act to make amendments of the law relating to pilotage, carriage by sea, liability of shipowners and salvors and pollution from ships and other amendments of the law relating to shipping, pollution and seamen. [4th April 1979]

### 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](#))
- C2** Act excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [arts. 11–13](#)
- C3** Act (other than certain provisions) excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [art. 14](#)

### Commencement Information

- I1** Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 52\(2\)](#)

1–12 ..... <sup>F1</sup> **U.K.**

### Textual Amendments

- F1** [Ss. 1–13\(3\)](#) repealed by [Pilotage Act 1983](#) (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 69(3), [Sch. 4](#)

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- (1) ..... <sup>F2</sup>
- (4) ..... <sup>F3</sup>
- (5) ..... <sup>F4</sup>

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- F2** Ss. 1–13(3) repealed by Pilotage Act 1983 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 69(3), **Sch. 4**
- F3** S. 13(4) repealed (with saving) by Pilotage Act 1983 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 69, Sch. 2 para. 4, **Sch. 4**
- F4** S. 13(5) repealed by Pilotage Act 1983 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 69(3), **Sch. 4**

*Carriage of passengers and luggage by sea*<sup>F5</sup>**14** ..... **U.K.****Textual Amendments**

- F5** S. 14 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

<sup>F6</sup>**15** ..... **U.K.****Textual Amendments**

- F6** S. 15 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

<sup>F7</sup>**16** ..... **U.K.****Textual Amendments**

- F7** S. 16 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Liability of shipowners and salvors*<sup>F8</sup>**17** ..... **U.K.****Textual Amendments**

- F8** S. 17 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

<sup>F9</sup>**18** ..... **U.K.****Textual Amendments**

- F9** S. 18 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F10 S. 19 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Prevention of pollution from ships etc.

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U.K.

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 20 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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U.K.

Textual Amendments

F12 S. 20A repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Safety and health on ships

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Textual Amendments

F13 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)

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Textual Amendments

F14 S. 22 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Discipline

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Textual Amendments

F15 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)

F1624 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F16 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)

F1725 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F17 S. 25 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Inspectors

F1826 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F18 S. 26 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F1927 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F19 S. 27 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F2028 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F20 S. 28 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Deaths on ships

F2129 ..... U.K.

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Textual Amendments

F21 S. 29 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F2230 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F22 S. 30 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Miscellaneous

F2331 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F23 S. 31 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), 58(2), Sch.7, (with s. 58(4), Sch.8 para. 1) and expressed to be repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F2432 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F24 S. 32 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F2533 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F25 S. 33 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F2634 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F26 S. 34 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F2735 ..... U.K.

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Textual Amendments

F27 S. 35 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F28 36 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F28 S. 36 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F29 37 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F29 S. 37 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F30 38 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F30 S. 38 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F31 39 ..... U.K.

Textual Amendments

F31 S. 39 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

40 Foreign action affecting shipping. U.K.

- (1) In section 14 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (which relates to foreign action affecting shipping)—
- (a) ..... F32

F33(b) ..... F32

(c) ..... F32
- (2) ..... F32

Textual Amendments

F32 Ss. 40(1)(a)(c)(d)(2), 45(1) repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), Sch. 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

F33 S. 40(1)(b) repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C4 The text of ss. 39(1), 40(1) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified, does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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Textual Amendments

F34 S. 41 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Offences

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Textual Amendments

F35 S. 42 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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Textual Amendments

F36 S. 43 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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Textual Amendments

F37 S. 44 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), Sch. 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F38 S. 45 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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**F45** [S. 52](#) 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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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 U.K.

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Textual Amendments

**F46** [Sch. 1](#) repealed by [Pilotage Act 1987 \(c. 21, SIF 111\)](#), s. 32(5), [Sch. 3](#)

SCHEDULE 2 U.K.

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Textual Amendments

**F47** [Sch. 2](#) repealed by [Pilotage Act 1983 \(c. 21, SIF 111\)](#), s. 69(3), [Sch. 4](#)

<sup>F48</sup>SCHEDULE 3 U.K.

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Textual Amendments

**F48** [Sch. 3](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21, ss. 314\(1\), 316\(2\)](#), [Sch. 12](#) (with s. 312(1), [Sch. 14 para. 1](#))

<sup>F51</sup>SCHEDULE 4 U.K.

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Textual Amendments

**F51** [Sch. 4](#) 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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SCHEDULE 5

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Textual Amendments

F53 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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SCHEDULE 6

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Textual Amendments

F55 Sch. 6 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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Textual Amendments

F63 Sch. 7 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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