



Merchant Shipping Act 1995

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- 4 “passenger” means any person carried in a ship,
- 5 “luggage” means any article or vehicle carried by the carrier..
- 6 “cabin luggage” means luggage which the passenger has in his...
- 7 “loss of or damage to luggage” includes pecuniary loss resulting...
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- 3 The reference to the law of the court in article...
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- 5 (1) For the purpose of converting from special drawing rights...

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- 1 In this Part of this Schedule any reference to a...

Right to limit liability

- 2 The right to limit liability under the Convention shall apply...

Claims subject to limitation

- 3 (1) Paragraph 1(d) of article 2 shall not apply unless...

Claims excluded from limitation

- 4 (1) The claims excluded from the Convention by paragraph (a)...

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- 5 (1) In the application of article 6 to a ship...

Limit for passenger claims

- 6 (1) In the case of a ship for which there...

Units of Account

- 7 (1) For the purpose of converting the amounts mentioned in...

Constitution of fund

- 8 (1) The Secretary of State may, with the concurrence of...

Distribution of fund

- 9 No lien or other right in respect of any ship...

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- 10 Where the release of a ship or other property is...

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- 11 References in the Convention and the preceding provisions of this...

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- 12 References in the Convention and in the preceding provisions of...

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- 13 An Order in Council made for the purposes of this...

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- 1 (1) The Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses shall continue to exist...
- 2 (1) The Commissioners may elect, as members of their body,...
- 3 A person appointed by the Secretary of State under paragraph...
- 4 (1) Any five of the Commissioners shall constitute a quorum....
- 5 In this Schedule “council” means a council constituted under section...

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- 1 (1) Before such date as may be specified in a...
- 2 (1) The proposals submitted by each general lighthouse authority shall —...
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- 4 (1) The Secretary of State may make such modifications of...
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- 1 This Convention shall not affect any provisions of national law...
- 2 Nevertheless, salvors carrying out such salvage operations shall be entitled...
- 3 The extent to which a public authority under a duty...

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- 1 This Convention shall apply to any salvage operations save to...
- 2 The master shall have the authority to conclude contracts for...
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- 1 The salvor shall owe a duty to the owner of...
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- 1 Every master is bound, so far as he can do...
- 2 The States Parties shall adopt the measures necessary to enforce...
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- 1 Salvage operations which have had a useful result give right...
- 2 Except as otherwise provided, no payment is due under this...
- 3 This chapter shall apply, notwithstanding that the salvaged vessel and...

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- 1 The reward shall be fixed with a view to encouraging...
- 2 Payment of a reward fixed according to paragraph 1 shall...
- 3 The rewards, exclusive of any interest and recoverable legal costs...

Article 14

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- 1 If the salvor has carried out salvage operations in respect...
- 2 If, in the circumstances set out in paragraph 1, the...
- 3 Salvor's expenses for the purpose of paragraphs 1 and 2...
- 4 The total special compensation under this article shall be paid...
- 5 If the salvor has been negligent and has thereby failed...
- 6 Nothing in this article shall affect any right of recourse...

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- 1 The apportionment of a reward under article 13 between salvors...
- 2 The apportionment between the owner, master and other persons in...

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- 1 No remuneration is due from persons whose lives are saved,...
- 2 A salvor of human life, who has taken part in...

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- 1 Nothing in this Convention shall affect the salvor's maritime lien...
- 2 The salvor may not enforce his maritime lien when satisfactory...

Article 21

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- 1 Upon the request of the salvor a person liable for...
- 2 Without prejudice to paragraph 1, the owner of the salvaged...
- 3 The salvaged vessel and other property shall not, without the...

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- 1 The tribunal having jurisdiction over the claim of the salvor...
- 2 In the event of an interim payment under this article...

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- 1 Any action relating to payment under this Convention shall be...
- 2 The person against whom a claim is made may at...
- 3 An action for indemnity by a person liable may be...

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- 1 In this Part of this Schedule “the Convention” means the...

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- 2 (1) The provisions of the Convention do not apply—

Assistance to persons in danger at sea

- 3 (1) The master of a vessel who fails to comply...

The reward and special compensation: the common understanding

- 4 In fixing a reward under article 13 and assessing special...

Recourse for life salvage payment

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) services are rendered wholly...

Meaning of “judicial proceedings”

- 6 References in the Convention to judicial proceedings are references to...

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- 7 (1) An Order in Council made for the purposes of...

SCHEDULE 12 — Repeals

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General Pier and Harbour Act 1861 Amendment Act 1862 (c. 19)

- 1 In section 21 of the General Pier and Harbour Act...

Sea Fisheries Act 1868 (c. 45)

- 2 For section 26 of the Sea Fisheries Act 1868 substitute—...

Lloyd's Act 1871 (c. xxi)

- 3 In section 41 of the Lloyd's Act 1871, for "Merchant...

Slave Trade Act 1873 (c. 88)

- 4 In section 26 of the Slave Trade Act 1873, for...

Explosives Act 1875 (c. 17)

- 5 In the Explosives Act 1875— (a) in section 58(b), for...

Explosive Substances Act 1883 (c. 3)

- 6 In section 8(2) of the Explosive Substances Act 1883, for...

Submarine Telegraph Act 1885 (c. 49)

- 7 In the Submarine Telegraph Act 1885— (a) in section 5(1),...

Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890 (c. 37)

- 8 In Schedule 1 to the Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890, at...

Fisheries Act 1891 (c. 37)

- 9 In section 2(1) of the Fisheries Act 1891, for "in...

Commissioners for Oaths Act 1891 (c. 50)

- 10 In section 1 of the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1891,...

Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act 1895 (c. 21)

- 11 In the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act 1895—

Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act 1912 (c. 10)

- 12 In section 3 of the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act...

Trustee Act 1925 (c. 19)

- 13 In section 51(6) of the Trustee Act 1925, for "Acts...

Whaling Industry (Regulations) Act 1934 (c. 49)

- 14 In section 17(1) of the Whaling Industry (Regulations) Act 1934,...

Public Health Act 1936 (c. 49)

- 15 In section 343(1) of the Public Health Act 1936, in...

Public Health (Drainage of Trade Premises) Act 1937 (c. 40)

- 16 In section 14 of the Public Health (Drainage of Trade...

Superannuation (Various Services) Act 1938 (c. 13)

- 17 In Part I of the Schedule to the Superannuation (Various...

Compensation (Defence) Act 1939 (c. 75)

18 In section 17(1) of the Compensation (Defence) Act 1939, in...

Pensions (Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine) Act 1939 (c. 83)

19 In the Pensions (Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine)...

Public Health (Scotland) Act 1945 (c. 15)

20 In section 1(8) of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1945,...

Crown Proceedings Act 1947 (c. 44)

21 In section 38(2) of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947—

British Nationality Act 1948 (c. 56)

22 In section 3(1) of the British Nationality Act 1948, for...

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1948 (c. 23 (N.I.))

23 In section 4(2) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act...

Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 (c. 54)

24 In section 19(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949, for...

Coast Protection Act 1949 (c. 74)

25 In section 49(1) of the Coast Protection Act 1949, in...

Registered Designs Act 1949 (c. 88)

26 In section 8(6), at the end insert “and, in the...

Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) (Scotland) Act 1951 (c. 66)

27 In section 29(4) of the Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) (Scotland)...

Post Office Act 1953 (c. 36)

28 In section 29(1) of the Post Office Act 1953—

Administration of Justice Act 1956 (c. 46)

29 (1) The Administration of the Justice Act 1956 shall be...

Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 (c. 23 (N.I.))

30 In section 51(7) of the Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958,...

Factories Act 1961 (c. 34)

31 In section 176(1) of the Factories Act 1961, for the...

Pipe-Lines Act 1962 (c. 58)

32 In section 39(4) of the Pipe-Lines Act 1962, for “section...

Harbours Act 1964 (c. 40)

33 In section 57(1) of the Harbours Act 1964—

*Contracts of Employment and Redundancy
Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 19 (N.I.))*

34 In section 6(1)(c) of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy...

Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 20 (N.I.))

35 In section 176(1) of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965,...

Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (c. 17 (N.I.))

36 In the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966—

Finance Act 1966 (c. 18)

37 In section 2(5)(a) of the Finance Act 1966, for “Merchant...

Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (c. 84)

38 In the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967—

Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (c. 36 (N.I.))

39 In section 32 of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland)...

Consular Relations Act 1968 (c. 18)

40 In the Consular Relations Act 1968— (a) in section 13(3),...

Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41)

41 In section 13(6)(a) of the Countryside Act 1968, for “Merchant...

Hovercraft Act 1968 (c. 59)

42 In section 1(1)(i) of the Hovercraft Act 1968—

Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77)

43 In the Sea Fisheries Act 1968— (a) in section 8(6)—...

Harbours Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 (c. 1 (N.I.))

44 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the Harbours Act...

Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971 (c. 19)

45 (1) The Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971 shall...

Attachment of Earnings Act 1971 (c. 32)

46 In section 24(3) of the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971,...

Industry Act 1972 (c. 63)

47 In section 12(2)(a) of the Industry Act 1972, for “1...

Education (Work Experience) Act 1973 (c. 23)

48 In section 1(2)(b) of the Education (Work Experience) Act 1973,...

Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86)

49 In section 8 of the Fishery Limits Act 1976—

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industry Act 1977 (c. 3)

50 In paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Aircraft and...

Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/2157 (NI 28))

51 In the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977—

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 23)

52 In section 46 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978,...

Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)

53 (1) The Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 shall be...

Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 (c. 5)

54 In section 19(1)(a) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979,...

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

55 After section 3 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 insert...

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 44)

56 In section 123(2)(b) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, for...

Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1086 (NI 12))

57 In Article 2(2) of the Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order...

Animal Health Act 1981 (c. 22)

58 In the Animal Health Act 1981— (a) in section 49(4),...

Supreme Court Act 1981 (c. 54)

59 (1) The Supreme Court Act 1981 shall be amended as...

Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/226 (NI 6))

60 In the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981—

Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/158 (NI 14))

61 In Article 29(6) of the Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order...

Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1115 (NI 22))

62 In Article 48(3) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland)...

Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1675 (NI 26))

63 After Article 17 of the Magistrates' Courts Order 1981 insert...

Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c. 16)

64 In the Civil Aviation Act 1982— (a) in section 75(6),...

Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982 (c. 23)

65 In the Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982—

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (c. 27)

66 In the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982—

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (c. 45)

67 In section 38(4)(a) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982,...

British Fishing Boats Act 1983 (c. 8)

68 In section 9 of the British Fishing Boats Act 1983—...

Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (c. 22)

69 In the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984—

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 26)

70 In section 9(1) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984—...

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27)

71 In section 133(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984,...

County Courts Act 1984 (c. 28)

72 (1) The County Courts Act 1984 shall be amended as...

Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984 (c. 47)

73 In section 5(6) of the Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984,...

Dangerous Vessels Act 1985 (c. 22)

74 In section 2(b) of the Dangerous Vessels Act 1985, for...

Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (c. 48)

75 In section 24(1) of the Food and Environment Protection Act...

Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (c. 35)

76 In section 9 of the Protection of Military Remains Act...

Wages Act 1986 (c. 48)

77 In section 30(3) of the Wages Act 1986, for “Merchant...

Petroleum Act 1987 (c. 12)

78 In section 23(8) of the Petroleum Act 1987, for “16(2)...

Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 18)

79 In section 73(4) of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987—

Pilotage Act 1987 (c. 21)

80 In the Pilotage Act 1987— (a) in section 22—

Channel Tunnel Act 1987 (c. 53)

81 In Part III of Schedule 7 to the Channel Tunnel...

Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4)

82 In section 25(1) of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act...

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41)

83 In Schedule 5 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988,...

Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48)

84 In the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988—

Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52)

85 In section 144(2)(c) of the Road Traffic Act 1988, for...

Wages (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/796 (NI 7))

86 In Article 26(3) of the Wages (Northern Ireland) Order 1988,...

Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (c. 5)

87 In section 5(7) of the Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act...

Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 (c. 31)

88 (1) The Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 shall be...

Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)

89 In the Water Industry Act 1991— (a) in section 121(6),...

Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57)

90 In section 221(1) of the Water Resources Act 1991—

Land Drainage Act 1991 (c. 59)

91 In the Land Drainage Act 1991— (a) in section 12(7),...

Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1219 (NI 10))

92 In Article 4(b) of the Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order...

Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (c. 8)

93 In the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993—

Clean Air Act 1993 (c. 11)

94 In the Clean Air Act 1993— (a) in section 46(6),...

Value Added Tax Act 1994 (c. 23)

95 In section 33(3)(h), for “Part XI of the Merchant Shipping...

SCHEDULE 14 — Transitory, Saving and Transitional Provisions*Extra-territorial provisions*

1 (1) Without prejudice to section 315(1), the repeals made by...

References to registration in other legislation

2 Any reference in an enactment in any other Act (not...

Qualifications: certificates of A.B.

3 (1) A seaman engaged in any United Kingdom ship shall...

Manning: certificates existing in 1979

4 (1) The power to make regulations under section 47 includes...

Masters and seamen: postponed commencements

5 (1) No provision to which this paragraph applies shall have...

Masters and seamen and documents: transitory provisions

6 (1) A provision to which this paragraph applies shall cease...

Safety provisions: saving of instruments, etc

7 (1) Notwithstanding the repeal by the Merchant Shipping (Registration, etc.)...

Oil pollution: saving for certain transitional provisions

8 Notwithstanding the repeal of section 38 of the Merchant Shipping...

Lighthouses: dependencies

9 (1) Section 193(5) shall cease to have effect on such...

Lighthouses: Scotland

10 Prior to the commencement of paragraph 7 of Schedule 13...

Wreck and salvage: Cinque ports

11 Nothing in Part IX shall prejudice or affect any jurisdiction...

Wreck: Liability for damage in case of plundered vessel in Scotland

- 12 Prior to the commencement of paragraph 1 of Schedule 13...

Behring Sea Award

- 13 Nothing in this Act shall affect the Behring Sea Award...

Table of Derivations

- 1 Notes
2 The following abbreviations are used in the Table:— Acts of...
3 By the Transfer of Functions (Trade and Industry) Order 1983,...
4 By Schedule 1, paragraph 1 to the Customs and Excise...
5 Schedule 4, paragraph 2 of the 1993 Act effected general...
6 The general conversion of then-existing fines in terms of amounts...
7 As regards offences, paragraph 74 of Schedule 4 to the...
8 Section 1(1)(c) of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund)
Act...