



Merchant Shipping Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 21

PART XIII

SUPPLEMENTAL

Administration

292 General functions of Secretary of State.

- (1) The Secretary of State shall continue to have the general superintendence of all matters relating to merchant shipping and seamen and is authorised to carry into execution the provisions of this Act and of all Acts relating to merchant shipping and seaman for the time being in force, except where otherwise provided or so far as relating to revenue.
- (2) The Secretary of State may take any legal proceedings under this Act in the name of any of his officers.
- [^{F1}(3) The Secretary of State must consult the Scottish Ministers about the strategic priorities of the Secretary of State in exercising functions under subsection (1) in relation to the safety standards of ships in Scotland and protecting the health and safety of persons on them.
- (4) In subsection (3) “Scotland” has the same meaning as in the Scotland Act 1998.]
- [^{F2}(5) The Secretary of State must consult the Welsh Ministers about the strategic priorities of the Secretary of State in exercising functions under subsection (1) in relation to the safety standards of ships in Wales and protecting the health and safety of persons on them.
- (6) In subsection (5) “Wales” has the same meaning as in the Government of Wales Act 2006.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 292(3)(4) inserted (23.5.2016) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), ss. 56(2), 72(7)

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F2 S. 292(5)(6) inserted (1.4.2018) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), ss. 57(2), 71(4) (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(l)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 145(2)(a)(ia) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 13\(2\)](#)
- s. 145(2)(a)(ia) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 11 para. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 145(2)(a)(ia) by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 36 para. 13 is still prospective.)
- s. 145(2A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 13\(3\)](#)
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