



# Merchant Shipping Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 21

### PART XIII

#### SUPPLEMENTAL

#### *Administration*

#### **297 Wreck commissioners, etc.**

- (1) The Lord Chancellor may appoint such number of persons as he thinks fit to be wreck commissioners and may remove any wreck commissioners appointed by him.
- (2) A wreck commissioner shall vacate his office on the day on which he attains the age of [<sup>F1</sup>75].
- (3) Before appointing a person to act as wreck commissioner in Northern Ireland the Lord Chancellor shall consult the Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.
- [<sup>F2</sup>(3A) The Lord Chancellor may remove a wreck commissioner from office only with the concurrence of—
  - (a) the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, or
  - (b) if the commissioner was appointed to act in Northern Ireland, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland.]
- (4) There shall be paid to any wreck commissioner such remuneration [<sup>F3</sup>and such allowances], out of money provided by Parliament, as the Lord Chancellor may with the consent of the Treasury determine.
- (5) There shall be paid to any assessor appointed under this Act such remuneration, out of money provided by Parliament, as the Lord Chancellor may with the consent of the Treasury determine.

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 297(2) substituted (10.3.2022) by [Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 131(1)(4)(a), **Sch. 1 para. 26** (with Sch. 1 para. 43)
- F2** S. 297(3A) inserted (3.4.2006) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 4 para. 239**; S.I. 2006/1014, art. 2(a), Sch. 1 para. 11(v)
- F3** Words in s. 297(4) inserted (10.3.2022 for specified purposes, 10.5.2022 in so far as not already in force) by [Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 131(1)(4)(b)(ii), **Sch. 2 para. 14**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

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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