



Merchant Shipping Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 21

PART XIII

SUPPLEMENTAL

Final provisions

[^{F1}313A Meaning of “qualifying foreign ship”.

- (1) In this Act “qualifying foreign ship” means any ship other than—
- (a) a British ship, or
 - (b) a ship which is not registered under Part II and which (although not by virtue of section 1(1)(d) a British ship)—
 - (i) is wholly owned by persons falling within subsection (2) below, and
 - (ii) is not registered under the law of a country outside the United Kingdom.
- (2) The following persons fall within this subsection, namely—
- (a) British citizens,
 - (b) British Dependent Territories citizens,
 - (c) British Overseas citizens,
 - (d) persons who under the ^{M1}British Nationality Act 1981 are British subjects,
 - (e) British Nationals (Overseas) (within the meaning of that Act),
 - (f) British protected persons (within the meaning of that Act), or
 - (g) bodies corporate incorporated in the United Kingdom or in any relevant British possession and having their principal place of business in the United Kingdom or in any relevant British possession.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 313A inserted (23.3.1997) by 1997 c. 28, s. 29(1), **Sch. 6 para. 20**; S.I. 1997/1082, art. 2, **Sch.**

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 313A applied (with modifications) (31.3.2023) by [The Merchant Shipping \(Watercraft\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/35\)](#), arts. 1(1), **2(4)**

Marginal Citations

M1 1981 c. 61.

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