



British Mercantile Marine Uniform Act 1919

1919 CHAPTER 62 9 and 10 Geo 5

An Act to make provision with respect to the British Mercantile Marine Uniform. [19th August 1919]

Whereas by an order dated the fourth day of September, nineteen hundred and eighteen, His Majesty in Council was pleased to prescribe a uniform to be worn by the British mercantile marine (which uniform, and any other or further uniform which may hereafter be prescribed by Order in Council in connection with the British mercantile marine, is in this Act referred to as the British mercantile marine uniform):

And whereas it is expedient to prohibit the wearing of such uniform by unauthorised persons, and to make such other provisions in relation thereto as are hereinafter contained:

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Act repealed (*prosp.*) by [Merchant Shipping Act 1970 \(c. 36\)](#), s. 101(4), [Sch. 5](#)

1 Prohibition against improper use of uniform.

- (1) If any person, not being entitled to wear the British mercantile marine uniform, wears that uniform or any part thereof, or any dress having the appearance or bearing any of the distinctive marks of that uniform, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}five pounds][^{F1}level 1 on the standard scale], or, if he wears it in such a manner or under such circumstances as to be likely to bring contempt on the uniform, to a fine not exceeding [^{F2}ten pounds][^{F2}level 1 on the standard scale] or to imprisonment . . . ^{F3} for a term not exceeding one month. Provided that this section shall not prevent any person from wearing any uniform or dress in the course or for the purposes of a stage play or representation, or a music-hall or circus performance if the uniform is not worn in such a manner or under such circumstances as to bring it into contempt.

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- (2) If any person entitled to wear the British mercantile marine uniform when aboard a ship in port or on shore appears dressed partly in uniform and partly not in uniform under such circumstances as to be likely to bring contempt on the uniform, or, being entitled to wear the uniform appropriate to a particular rank or position, wears the uniform appropriate to some higher rank or position, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F1}five pounds][^{F1}level 1 on the standard scale].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words “level 1 on the standard scale” substituted (E.W.S.) for “five pounds” by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), s. 289G](#)
- F2** Words “level 1 on the standard scale” substituted (E.W.S.) for “ten pounds” by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 46](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), s. 289G](#)
- F3** Words omitted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1948 \(c. 58\), s. 1\(2\)](#) and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21\), s. 221\(2\)](#); repealed (N.I.) by [Criminal Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 1953 \(c. 14\), s. 1\(2\)](#)

[^{F4}2] **Right in registered design of distinctive marks of uniform.**

The right of the Secretary of State in any design forming part of the British mercantile marine uniform which is registered under the Registered Designs Act 1949 is not limited to the period prescribed by section 8 of that Act but shall continue to subsist so long as the design remains on the register.]

Textual Amendments

- F4** [S. 2](#) substituted by [Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 \(c. 48, SIF 67A\), s. 303\(1\), Sch. 7 para. 1](#)

3 **Short title.**

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