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**1970 No. 1915**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping)  
(United States of America) Order 1970**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th December 1970</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>23rd December 1970</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st January 1971</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of December 1970

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by sections 6 and 16(2) of the Consular Relations Act 1968 or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping) (United States of America) Order 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1971.

**2.** The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

**3.—(1)** The United States of America is designated for the purposes of section 6 of the Consular Relations Act 1968 (which relates to detention on board ship for disciplinary offences).

(2) For the purposes of the said section as applied by virtue of paragraph (1) of this Article a ship shall be treated as belonging to the United States of America if it is documented or registered under the law of any territory subject to the sovereignty or authority of the United States of America, excepting the Panama Canal Zone.

(3) Nothing in this Order shall apply to any ship of war.

*W. G. Agnew*

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Order, which is made pursuant to the Consular Relations Act 1968, provides, in relation to ships (other than ships of war) of the United States of America, for the detention on board of a member of the crew for a disciplinary offence to be treated as not unlawful except in certain cases.

It gives effect to the relevant provisions of the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and the United States of America which was signed at Washington on 6th June 1951 (Cmnd. 524).