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**1979 No. 1578 (C.37)**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping Act 1979 (Commencement No. 2)  
Order 1979**

*Made - - - - - 3rd December 1979*

*Coming into Operation 17th December 1979*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred on him by section 52(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping Act 1979 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 17th December 1979.

2. The provisions of the Act specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order (which relate to the matters specified in the second column of that Schedule) shall come into force on 17th December 1979.

*Norman Tebbit,*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of Trade.

3rd December 1979.

## SCHEDULE

## PROVISIONS COMING INTO FORCE ON 17TH DECEMBER 1979

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 15(1) and in subsection (2) the words from "and any" to the end	Power to extend to countries outside the United Kingdom section 14 and Schedule 3, concerning the Athens Convention relating to the carriage of passengers and their luggage by sea
Section 19(2) and (3)	Power to extend to countries outside the United Kingdom sections 17, 18 and 19(1), and Schedules 4 and 5, concerning the London Convention on limitation of liability for maritime claims
Section 38(5)	Extension of powers to make Orders for countries outside the United Kingdom in respect of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971(a) and the Merchant Shipping Act 1974(b), so as to replace gold francs by special drawing rights in those Acts
Section 47(1), subsection (2) so far as it relates to sections 48 to 52 and Part I of Schedule 7, and subsection (3).	Power to extend to countries outside the United Kingdom supplemental provisions of the Act

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order brings into force on 17th December 1979 the sub-sections of the Merchant Shipping Act 1979 specified in the Schedule to the Order to enable Orders to be made to extend certain provisions to countries outside the United Kingdom.

The main provisions are those relating to:

- (1) The Athens Convention relating to the carriage by sea of passengers and their luggage.
- (2) The London Convention on the limitation of liability for maritime claims.
- (3) The replacement of gold francs by special drawing rights in the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971 and the Merchant Shipping Act 1974.

(a) 1971 c. 59.

(b) 1974 c. 43.



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