
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Merchant Shipping (Fishing Boat Registry) Order 1981. It provides that in most cases the Registrars for ports of registry in the United Kingdom shall be the officers who are Registrars of British Ships for the ports in question. In ports listed in table C in Schedule 1 of the 1981 Order (as now amended) headed “Scotland” the Registrar is to be an officer of the Secretary of State for Scotland stationed at a specified place, except where the boat is registered under Part I of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 in which case the Registrar is to be the Registrar of British Ships. There is no alteration in the appointment of Registrars for the ports in the Channel Islands or Isle of Man.

The requirement for an application for registry to be made in a specified form is replaced by a requirement for an application to include such information as the Registrar may reasonably require. The Order also reduces from 3 months to 1 month the period within which evidence of the right of a boat to be registered, which the Secretary of State may demand, must be produced to him.