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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2591**

**The State Immunity (Merchant Shipping) Order 1997**

2. Notwithstanding section 13(4) of the State Immunity Act 1978, no application shall be made for the issue of a warrant of arrest in any action *in rem* against a ship owned by any State specified in the Schedule to this Order or cargo aboard such a ship until notice has been served on a consular officer of that State in London or in the port at which it is intended to cause the ship to be arrested.