
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 1106

**The Merchant Shipping (Work in
Fishing Convention) Regulations 2018**

PART 1

General Matters

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Merchant Shipping Act 1995;

“Convention” or “Work in Fishing Convention” means the convention adopted at Geneva on 14th June 2007 by the International Labour Organisation⁽¹⁾;

“fisherman” means a person, including the skipper, employed, engaged or working in any capacity on board any fishing vessel, but does not include a person solely engaged as a pilot for the vessel;

“fisherman’s work agreement” means a written agreement between a fisherman and another person in respect of the fisherman’s work on board a fishing vessel;

“fishing vessel owner” means the owner of a fishing vessel or any other person such as the manager, agent or bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the vessel from the owner and who, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over the duties and responsibilities imposed on fishing vessel owners in accordance with the Convention, regardless of whether any other organisation or person fulfils certain of the duties or responsibilities on behalf of the fishing vessel owner;

“Merchant Shipping Notice” means a notice described as such and issued by the Secretary of State, and any reference to a particular Merchant Shipping Notice includes a reference to a Merchant Shipping Notice amending or replacing that Notice which is considered by the Secretary of State to be relevant from time to time;

“skipper” means the person having command of a fishing vessel;

“United Kingdom fishing vessel” means a fishing vessel which is—

- (a) a United Kingdom ship within the meaning of section 85(2) of the Act; or
- (b) a hovercraft registered under the Hovercraft Act 1968⁽²⁾.

(1) Cm 7375.
(2) 1968 c.59.