
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 35

The Merchant Shipping (Watercraft) Order 2023

PART 2

Registration of watercraft

Registration of watercraft: application of the 1995 Act

4. The following provisions of the 1995 Act apply in relation to watercraft as they apply in relation to ships—

- (a) section 8 (central register of British ships), as if after subsection (1) there were inserted—
“(1A) From 31st March 2023, the register of British ships maintained under subsection (1) is to include all registrations of watercraft in the United Kingdom.”;
- (b) section 9 (registration of ships: basic provisions);
- (c) section 10 (registration regulations);
- (d) section 13 (status of certificate of registration);
- (e) section 14 (offences relating to a ship’s British connection);
- (f) subsection (3) of section 16 (private law provisions for registered ships and liability as owner);
- (g) section 21 (disclosure of information relating to registration by other government departments);
- (h) section 22(1) (forgery of documents: Scotland).

Registration of watercraft: application of the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations 1993

5. Schedule 1 applies and, in some cases, modifies certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations 1993 in relation to watercraft.