



# Merchant Shipping Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 39

### *Offences*

#### **45 Amendment of certain offences provisions of Merchant Shipping Act 1970**

- (1) In section 27(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (which among other things penalises certain acts and omissions by the master or a member of the crew of a ship which are likely to cause the loss or destruction of or serious damage to the ship)—
  - (a) for the words " or any member of the crew of " there shall be substituted the words " of or any seaman employed in "; and
  - (b) after the words " to the ship " in paragraph (a) and the words " preserve the ship " in paragraph (b) there shall be inserted the words " or its machinery, navigational equipment or safety equipment ".
- (2) In section 28 of that Act (under which a seaman employed in a ship commits an offence if while on duty he is under the influence of drink or a drug to such an extent that his capacity to carry out his duties is impaired) for the word " ship " there shall be substituted the words " fishing vessel " , for the words " on duty " there shall be substituted the words " on board the vessel " and for the words " his duties " there shall be substituted the words " the duties of his employment ".
- (3) In section 95(1)(a) of that Act, (which among other things provides that section 30 of that Act, of which paragraph (c)(iii) penalises combinations by seamen to impede the ship, does not apply to fishing vessels) for the words " 30 and " there shall be substituted the words " and 30(a) and (b), sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of section 30(c) and sections ".