
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Registration
of Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1988**

**PART VI
OFFENCES**

Offences

65.—(1) Any person who, with intent to deceive, uses or lends or allows to be used by another, a Certificate of Registry, whether in force or not, commits an offence.

(2) It shall be an offence on the part of the owner and skipper of a vessel if any of the marks required by Schedule 3 to be marked on the vessel is effaced, altered, allowed to become illegible, covered or concealed.

(3) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (2) of this regulation to prove that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence.

(4) Any person who fails, without reasonable cause to surrender a Certificate of Registry when required to do so by Regulation 29 or 56 commits an offence.

(5) The offences specified in paragraph (1), (2) and (4) of this regulation shall be punishable on summary conviction as follows:

- (a) an offence under paragraph (1) with a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale,
- (b) an offence under paragraph (2) or (4) with a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.