
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3010

**The Merchant Shipping (Dangerous or Noxious
Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations 1996**

Inspection and detention

15.—(1) A ship to which these Regulations apply shall be subject in any United Kingdom port to inspection by persons appointed by the Secretary of State.

(2) The inspector may investigate any operation regulated by these Regulations if there are clear grounds for believing that the master or crew are not familiar with essential ship board procedures for preventing pollution by a substance referred to in regulation 3(1)(a). In the event of any such inspection revealing deficiencies the inspector shall take such steps as he may consider necessary to ensure that the ship will not sail until the situation has been brought to order.

(a) (3) (a) In any case where a ship does not comply with these Regulations the ship shall be liable to be detained.

(b) Where the steps taken by an inspector under paragraph (2) involve detention of the ship, or in the event of detention under this paragraph, then section 284 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (which relates to the detention of a ship) shall have effect in relation to the ship, subject to the modifications that as if for the words “this Act” wherever they appear there were substituted the words “the Merchant Shipping (Dangerous or Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations 1996”.

(4) Where a ship other than a United Kingdom ship is detained pursuant to subparagraph (3)(a) the Secretary of State shall immediately inform the consul or diplomatic representative of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly or the appropriate maritime authorities of that State.