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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 620**

**MARINE POLLUTION**

**The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution  
by Sewage from Ships) Regulations 2020**

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**THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (PREVENTION OF POLLUTION  
BY SEWAGE FROM SHIPS) REGULATIONS 2020**

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships) Regulations 2020*. (See end of Document for details)

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### PART 1 — Amendments

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2. The Offshore Petroleum Activities (Oil Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2005

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3. The Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Regulations 2011
4. The Environmental Regulation (Significant Environmental Harm) (Scotland) Order 2014
5. The Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2018  
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#### SCHEDULE 2 — Gross Tonnage

1. The “gross tonnage” of a United Kingdom ship is to...
2. In this Schedule— “the 1997 Regulations” means the Merchant Shipping...
3. United Kingdom Ships
4. In the case of any other ship of 24 metres...
5. In the case of a fishing vessel of 15 metres...
6. In the case of a fishing vessel of less than...
7. In the case of any other ship of less than...
8. Ships other than United Kingdom ships
9. Where a ship has a gross tonnage determined in accordance...
10. In the case of a ship which does not have...

Explanatory Note

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