
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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MARINE POLLUTION

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

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

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1. The “gross tonnage” of a United Kingdom ship is to...
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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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