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**2023 No. 35**

**The Merchant Shipping (Watercraft) Order 2023**

**PART 1**

Introductory

**Meaning of “watercraft”**

- 3.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2), “watercraft” means any type of craft which—
- (a) is capable of moving under its own mechanical power,
  - (b) is used, navigated or situated wholly or partly in or on water, and
  - (c) is capable of being used to carry one or more persons.
- (2) “Watercraft” does not include a ship or fishing vessel within the meanings given in section 313(1) of the 1995 Act.