



Merchant Shipping Act 1974

1974 CHAPTER 43

An Act to make further provision concerning oil pollution by ships and related matters; to give power to protect shipping and trading interests against foreign action concerning or affecting carriage of goods by sea; to make provision relating to the operation of submersible apparatus; to alter the constitution of the Commissioners of Northern Lighthouses; and to amend certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 relating to offences committed by seamen. [31st July 1974]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act modified by [Merchant Shipping Act 1988](#) (c. 12, SIF 111), [s. 47\(2\)\(b\)](#), (with [s. 58\(4\)](#), [Sch. 8](#) para. 1) and by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [art. 10](#)
Act: power to modify conferred (*prosp.*) by [1994 c. 28](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#), [10\(4\)](#) (which amending Act was repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21](#), [s. 314\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#))
- C2 Act excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [arts. 11–14](#)

PART I

THE INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION COMPENSATION FUND

F1

Textual Amendments

- F1 [S. 1](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21](#), [ss. 314\(1\)](#), [316\(2\)](#), [Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), [Sch. 14](#) para. 1)

Contributions to Fund

F2

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F2 S. 2 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F3 S. 3 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Compensation for persons suffering pollution damage

F4

Textual Amendments

F4 S. 4 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F5**4A**

Textual Amendments

F5 S. 4A repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1) and words in s. 4A(1) repealed (*prosp.*) by 1994 c. 28, **ss. 5(2)(a)**, 10(4) (which amending Act was repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, s. 314(1), **Sch. 12**)

Indemnification of shipowners

F6**5**

Textual Amendments

F6 S. 5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Supplemental

F7**6**

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

F7 S. 6 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F8 S. 7 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F9 S. 8 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

(F10)8A)

Textual Amendments

F10 S. 8A repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

9 **F11**

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 9 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1979 (c. 39, SIF 111), ss. 47(2), 50(4), **Sch. 7 Pt. I**

PART II

10–13 **F12**

Textual Amendments

F12 Ss. 10–13 repealed by S.I. 1983/1106, art. 2, **Sch.**

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974. (See end of Document for details)

PART III

PROTECTION OF SHIPPING AND TRADING INTERESTS

^{F13}14

Textual Amendments

F13 S. 14 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.

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Textual Amendments

F14 S. 15 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.

PART IV

SUBMERSIBLE APPARATUS

^{F15}16

Textual Amendments

F15 S. 16 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

^{F16}17

Textual Amendments

F16 S. 17 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

^{F17}18

Textual Amendments

F17 S. 18 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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19 Offences by seamen.

^{F18}(1)

(2) In section 27 (which creates an offence in relation to misconduct endangering a ship or persons on board, punishable on summary conviction with a fine not exceeding £200) for the words “£200” there shall be substituted the words “£400”.

^{F18}(3)

^{F18}(4)

^{F18}(5)

^{F18}(6)

Textual Amendments

F18 S. 19(1)(3)-(6) repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C3 The text of S. 19 is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Supplemental

^{F19}**20**

Textual Amendments

F19 S. 20 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch.2**

^{F20}**21**

Textual Amendments

F20 S. 21 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

^{F21}**22**

Textual Amendments

F21 S.22 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch.2**

^{F22}**23**

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for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974. (See end of Document for details)*

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Textual Amendments

F22 S. 23 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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Textual Amendments

F23 S. 24 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

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SCHEDULES

^{F24}SCHEDULE 1

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Textual Amendments

F24 Sch. 1 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

SCHEDULES 2, 3

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Textual Amendments

F27 Schs. 2, 3 repealed by S.I. 1983/1106, art. 2, **Sch. 2**

^{F28}SCHEDULE 4

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Textual Amendments

F28 Sch. 4 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), **Sch.**

^{F31}SCHEDULE 5

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Textual Amendments

F31 Sch. 5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Changes to legislation:

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