



# Merchant Shipping Act 1979

## 1979 CHAPTER 39

An Act to make amendments of the law relating to pilotage, carriage by sea, liability of shipowners and salvors and pollution from ships and other amendments of the law relating to shipping, pollution and seamen. [4th April 1979]

### 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](#))
- C2 Act excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [arts. 11–13](#)
- C3 Act (other than certain provisions) excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [art. 14](#)

### Commencement Information

- I1 Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 52\(2\)](#)

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### Textual Amendments

- F1 [Ss. 1–13\(3\)](#) repealed by [Pilotage Act 1983](#) (c. 21, SIF 111), [s. 69\(3\)](#), [Sch. 4](#)

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(1) ..... F2  
(4) ..... F3  
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### Textual Amendments

- F2 [Ss. 1–13\(3\)](#) repealed by [Pilotage Act 1983](#) (c. 21, SIF 111), [s. 69\(3\)](#), [Sch. 4](#)
- F3 [S. 13\(4\)](#) repealed (with saving) by [Pilotage Act 1983](#) (c. 21, SIF 111), [s. 69](#), [Sch. 2](#) para. 4, [Sch. 4](#)

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**F4** S. 13(5) repealed by Pilotage Act 1983 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 69(3), **Sch. 4**

*Carriage of passengers and luggage by sea*

**F5** **14** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F5** S. 14 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

**F6** **15** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F6** S. 15 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

**F7** **16** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F7** S. 16 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Liability of shipowners and salvors*

**F8** **17** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F8** S. 17 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

**F9** **18** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
**F9** 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)

**F10** **19** .....

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**Textual Amendments**

**F10** S. 19 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Prevention of pollution from ships etc.*

**F11** **20** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F11** S. 20 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

**F12** **20A** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F12** S. 20A repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Safety and health on ships*

**F13** **21** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F13** 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)

**F14** **22** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F14** S. 22 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Discipline*

**F15** **23** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F15** 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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F16<sup>24</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F16 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)

F17<sup>25</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F17 S. 25 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Inspectors*

F18<sup>26</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F18 S. 26 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F19<sup>27</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F19 S. 27 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F20<sup>28</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F20 S. 28 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Deaths on ships*

F21<sup>29</sup> .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F21 S. 29 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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F22 **30** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F22** S. 30 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Miscellaneous*

F23 **31** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F23** S. 31 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), 58(2), **Sch.7**, (with s. 58(4), Sch.8 para. 1) and expressed to be repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F24 **32** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F24** S. 32 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F25 **33** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F25** S. 33 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F26 **34** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F26** S. 34 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F27 **35** .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F27** S. 35 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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F28 **36** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F28 S. 36 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F29 **37** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F29 S. 37 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F30 **38** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F30 S. 38 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F31 **39** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F31 S. 39 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

**40 Foreign action affecting shipping.**

(1) In section 14 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (which relates to foreign action affecting shipping)—

- (a) ..... F32
- F33 (b) ..... F32
- (c) ..... F32

(2) ..... F32

**Textual Amendments**  
F32 Ss. 40(1)(a)(c)(d)(2), 45(1) repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), Sch. 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)  
F33 S. 40(1)(b) repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.  
**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**  
C4 The text of ss. 39(1), 40(1) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified, does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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F34 **41** .....

**Textual Amendments**

F34 S. 41 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Offences*

F35 **42** .....

**Textual Amendments**

F35 S. 42 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F36 **43** .....

**Textual Amendments**

F36 S. 43 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

**44** ..... F37

**Textual Amendments**

F37 S. 44 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), Sch. 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

F38 **45** .....

**Textual Amendments**

F38 S. 45 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F39 **46** .....

**Textual Amendments**

F39 S. 46 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), Sch. 5 Pt.II; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), Sch.2

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*Supplemental*

F40 **47** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F40 S. 47 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch.2** and expressed to be repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s.312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F41 **48** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F41 S. 48 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F42 **49** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F42 S. 49 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F43 **50** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F43 S. 50 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F44 **51** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F44 S. 51 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F45 **52** .....

**Textual Amendments**  
F45 S. 52 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

### SCHEDULE 1

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**Textual Amendments**

**F46** Sch. 1 repealed by Pilotage Act 1987 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 32(5), **Sch. 3**

### SCHEDULE 2

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**Textual Amendments**

**F47** Sch. 2 repealed by Pilotage Act 1983 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 69(3), **Sch. 4**

### <sup>F48</sup>SCHEDULE 3

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**Textual Amendments**

**F48** Sch. 3 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

### <sup>F51</sup>SCHEDULE 4

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**Textual Amendments**

**F51** Sch. 4 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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F53 SCHEDULE 5

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**Textual Amendments**

**F53** 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)

F55 SCHEDULE 6

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**Textual Amendments**

**F55** Sch. 6 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F63 SCHEDULE 7

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**Textual Amendments**

**F63** Sch. 7 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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