

Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971

1971 CHAPTER 60

Miscellaneous and supplementary

29 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

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"harbour authority" and "harbour in the United Kingdom" have the meanings assigned to them by section 8(2) of this Act;

"harbour master" includes a dock master or pier master, and any person specially appointed by a harbour authority for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Act in relation to the harbour;

"local enactment" means a local or private Act, or an order confirmed by Parliament or brought into operation in accordance with special parliamentary procedure;

"oil" means oil of any description and includes spirit produced from oil of any description, and also includes coal tar;

"oil reception facilities" has the meaning assigned to it by section 9(1) of this Act; "oil residues" means any waste consisting of, or arising from, oil or a mixture containing oil;

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"petroleum-spirit" has the same meaning as in the ^{MI}Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1928;

"place on land" has the meaning assigned to it by section 2(3) of this Act;

"sea" includes any estuary or arm of the sea;

"transfer", in relation to oil, means transfer in bulk.

- [^{F2}(2) Any reference in any provision of this Act to a mixture containing oil shall be construed as a reference to any mixture of oil (or, as the case may be, of oil of a description referred to in that provision) with water or with any other substance.]
 - (3) Any reference in the provisions of this Act other than section 11 to the discharge of oil or a mixture containing oil, or to its being discharged, from a vessel, place or thing,

except where the reference is to its being discharged for a specified purpose, includes a reference to the escape of the oil or mixture, or (as the case may be) to its escaping, from that vessel, place or thing.

- $F^{3}(4)$ $F^{3}(5)$ $F^{3}(6)$ $F^{3}(6)$
 - (7) Except in so far as the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by or under any other enactment.

Textual Amendments

- **F1** In s. 29(1) definitions of "barge" and "outside the territorial waters of the United Kingdom" repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)
- F2 S. 29(2) repealed for certain purposes (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 Note (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)
- **F3** S. 29(4)(5)(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)

C1 S. 29(5) amended (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(3), Sch. 4 para. 17(c); S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), Sch. 2

Marginal Citations

M1 1928 c. 32.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Prevention of Oil Pollution Act 1971, Section 29.