



# 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power to modify conferred (*prosp.*) by [1994 c. 28](#), [ss. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#), [10\(4\)](#) (which amending Act was repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21](#), [s. 314\(1\)](#), [Sch.](#))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

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### 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- F1 [S. 1](#) repealed (1.1.1996) by [1995 c. 21](#), [ss. 314\(1\)](#), [316\(2\)](#), [Sch. 12](#) (with [s. 312\(1\)](#), [Sch. 14 para. 1](#))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**F2** S. 2 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

**F3** .....

**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**F3** S. 3 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)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**F4** S. 4 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)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**F5** S. 4A repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1) and words in s. 4A(1) repealed (*prosp.*) by 1994 c. 28, **ss. 5(2)(a)**, 10(4) (which amending Act was repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, s. 314(1), **Sch. 12**)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**F6** S. 5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)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** .....

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**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)

**F8**7 .....

**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)

**F9**8 .....

**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

<sup>F13</sup>**14** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F13</sup> S. 14 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.

<sup>F14</sup>**15** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F14</sup> S. 15 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.

**PART IV**

SUBMERSIBLE APPARATUS

<sup>F15</sup>**16** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F15</sup> 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)

<sup>F16</sup>**17** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F16</sup> 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

<sup>F17</sup>**18** .....

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**Textual Amendments**  
<sup>F17</sup> 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.

<sup>F18</sup>(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”.

<sup>F18</sup>(3) .....

<sup>F18</sup>(4) .....

<sup>F18</sup>(5) .....

<sup>F18</sup>(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

<sup>F19</sup>**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**

<sup>F20</sup>**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)

<sup>F21</sup>**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**

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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)

<sup>F23</sup>**24** .....

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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

### <sup>F24</sup>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**

### <sup>F28</sup>SCHEDULE 4

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**Textual Amendments**

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

### <sup>F31</sup>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:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1974.