



Merchant Shipping Act 1995

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- 5 (1) For the purpose of converting from special drawing rights...
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- 7 Article 16 shall apply to arbitral proceedings as it applies...
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- 9 Any reference in the Convention to a contract of carriage...
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- 10 If Her Majesty by Order in Council declares that any...
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- 12 It is hereby declared that nothing in the Convention affects...
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- 1 Shipowners and salvors, as hereinafter defined, may limit their liability...
- 2 The term “shipowner” shall mean the owner, charterer, manager or...
- 3 Salvor shall mean any person rendering services in direct connection...
- 4 If any claims set out in Article 2 are made...
- 5 In this Convention the liability of a shipowner shall include...
- 6 An insurer of liability for claims subject to limitation in...
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- 1 Any person alleged to be liable may constitute a fund...
- 2 A fund may be constituted, either by depositing the sum,...
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- 1 Subject to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of...
- 2 If, before the fund is distributed, the person liable, or...
- 3 The right of subrogation provided for in paragraph 2 may...
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- 1 In this Part of this Schedule any reference to a...

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- 2 Subject to paragraph 6 below, the right to limit liability under...
- 2A

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- 4 (1) Claims for Damages within the meaning of the international...

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- 7 (1) For the purpose of converting the amounts mentioned in...

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10 Where the release of a ship or other property is...

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- 2 (1) The Commissioners may elect, as members of their body,...
- 3 A person appointed by the Secretary of State under paragraph...
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- 4A (1) The Commissioners shall send to the Scottish Ministers a...
- 5 In this Schedule “council” means a council constituted under section...

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- 1 This Convention shall apply to any salvage operations save to...
- 2 The master shall have the authority to conclude contracts for...
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- 3 This chapter shall apply, notwithstanding that the salvaged vessel and...

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- 2 Payment of a reward fixed according to paragraph 1 shall...
- 3 The rewards, exclusive of any interest and recoverable legal costs...

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- 1 If the salvor has carried out salvage operations in respect...
- 2 If, in the circumstances set out in paragraph 1, the...
- 3 Salvor's expenses for the purpose of paragraphs 1 and 2...
- 4 The total special compensation under this article shall be paid...
- 5 If the salvor has been negligent and has thereby failed...
- 6 Nothing in this article shall affect any right of recourse...

ARTICLE 15

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- 1 The apportionment of a reward under article 13 between salvors...
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- 1 The tribunal having jurisdiction over the claim of the salvor...

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- 2 (1) The provisions of the Convention do not apply—

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- 3 (1) The master of a vessel who fails to comply...

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- 4 In fixing a reward under article 13 and assessing special...

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7 (1) An Order in Council made for the purposes of...

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Article 1

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- 1 “Convention area” means the exclusive economic zone of...
- 2 “Ship” means a seagoing vessel of any type...
- 3 “Maritime casualty” means a collision of ships, stranding...
- 4 “Wreck”, following upon a maritime casualty, means:
- 5 “Hazard” means any condition or threat that:
- 6 “Related interests” means the interests of a coastal...
- 7 “Removal” means any form of prevention, mitigation or...
- 8 “Registered owner” means the person or persons registered...
- 9 “Operator of the ship” means the owner of...
- 10 “Affected State” means the State in whose Convention...
- 11 “State of the ship's registry” means, in relation...
- 12 “Organization” means the International Maritime Organization.
- 13 “Secretary-General” means the Secretary-General of the Organization.

Article 2

Objectives and general principles

- 1 A State Party may take measures in accordance with this...
- 2 Measures taken by the Affected State in accordance with paragraph...
- 3 Such measures shall not go beyond what is reasonably necessary...
- 4 The application of this Convention within the Convention area shall...
- 5 States Parties shall endeavour to co-operate when the effects of...

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- 1 Except as otherwise provided in this Convention, this Convention shall...
- 2 A State Party may extend the application of this Convention...
- 3 When a State Party has made a notification under paragraph...
- 4 A notification made under paragraph 2 above shall take effect...
- 5 A State Party that has made a notification under paragraph...

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- 1 This Convention shall not apply to measures taken under the...
- 2 This Convention shall not apply to any warship or other...
- 3 Where a State Party decides to apply this Convention to...
- 4 (a) When a State Party has made a notification under...

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- 1 A State Party shall require the master and the operator...
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- 1 Upon becoming aware of a wreck, the Affected State shall...
- 2 If the Affected State has reason to believe that a...

Article 8

Marking of wrecks

- 1 If the Affected State determines that a wreck constitutes a...
- 2 In marking the wreck, all practicable steps shall be taken...
- 3 The Affected State shall promulgate the particulars of the marking...

Article 9

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- 1 If the Affected State determines that a wreck constitutes a...
- 2 The registered owner shall remove a wreck determined to constitute...
- 3 When a wreck has been determined to constitute a hazard,...
- 4 The registered owner may contract with any salvor or other...
- 5 When the removal referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4...
- 6 The Affected State shall: (a) set a reasonable deadline within...
- 7 If the registered owner does not remove the wreck within...
- 8 In circumstances where immediate action is required and the Affected...
- 9 States Parties shall take appropriate measures under their national law...
- 10 States Parties give their consent to the Affected State to...
- 11 The information referred to in this article shall be provided...

Article 10

Liability of the owner

- 1 Subject to article 11, the registered owner shall be liable...
- 2 Nothing in this Convention shall affect the right of the...
- 3 No claim for the costs referred to in paragraph 1...
- 4 Nothing in this article shall prejudice any right of recourse...

Article 11

Exceptions to liability

- 1 The registered owner shall not be liable under this Convention...

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- 2 To the extent that measures under this Convention are considered...

Article 12

Compulsory insurance or other financial security

- 1 The registered owner of a ship of 300 gross tonnage...
- 2 A certificate attesting that insurance or other financial security is...
- 3 (a) A State Party may authorize either an institution or...
- 4 The certificate shall be in the official language or languages...
- 5 The certificate shall be carried on board the ship and...
- 6 An insurance or other financial security shall not satisfy the...
- 7 The State of the ship's registry shall, subject to the...
- 8 Nothing in this Convention shall be construed as preventing a...
- 9 Certificates issued and certified under the authority of a State...
- 10 Any claim for costs arising under this Convention may be...
- 11 A State Party shall not permit any ship entitled to...
- 12 Subject to the provisions of this article, each State Party...
- 13 Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 5, a State Party may...
- 14 If insurance or other financial security is not maintained in...

Article 13

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- 1 At the request of not less than one-third of States...
- 2 Any consent to be bound by this Convention, expressed after...

Article 15

Settlement of disputes

- 1 Where a dispute arises between two or more States Parties...
- 2 If no settlement is possible within a reasonable period of...
- 3 Any procedure chosen by a State Party to this Convention...
- 4 A State Party to this Convention which is not a...
- 5 A declaration made under paragraphs 3 and 4 shall be...

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- 1 This Convention shall enter into force twelve months following the...

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- 2 For any State which ratifies, accepts, approves or accedes to...

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Denunciation

- 1 This Convention may be denounced by a State Party at...
- 2 Denunciation shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument...
- 3 A denunciation shall take effect one year, or such longer...

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Depositary

- 1 This Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary General.
- 2 The Secretary-General shall: (a) inform all States which have signed...
- 3 As soon as this Convention enters into force, a certified...

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- 1 In this Schedule— “general light dues” and “general lighthouse authority”...

Charges in respect of maritime matters

- 2 (1) Regulations under this Schedule may make provision imposing charges...

Charges relating to expenses payable out of General Lighthouse Fund

- 3 (1) If— (a) any EU obligation, or

Ships in respect of which charges may be imposed

- 4 (1) Regulations under this Schedule may not require a charge...

Persons by whom charges to be paid

- 5 (1) Regulations under this Schedule may not require a charge...

Amount of charges

- 6 (1) Regulations under this Schedule may impose a charge—

Powers to require information

- 7 (1) Regulations under this Schedule may include provision requiring any...

Disclosure of information

- 8 (1) No obligation as to secrecy or other restriction on...

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Collection and recovery, etc.

- 9 (1) Regulations under this Schedule may make provision—
 10 Regulations under this Schedule may make provision for appeals
 against...

Distress

- 11 Regulations under this Schedule may make provision in respect of...

Further powers in relation to General Lighthouse Fund etc

- 12 If regulations under this Schedule make any provision by virtue...
 13 If regulations under this Schedule make any provision by virtue...

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- 14 Regulations under this Schedule may include such transitional,
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 15 Any sums received in consequence of regulations under this Schedule...
 16 (1) Regulations under this Schedule shall be made by the...

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- 1 In section 21 of the General Pier and Harbour Act...

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- 2 For section 26 of the Sea Fisheries Act 1868 substitute—...

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- 3 In section 41 of the Lloyd's Act 1871, for "Merchant..."

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- 5 In the Explosives Act 1875— (a) in section 58(b), for...

Explosive Substances Act 1883 (c. 3)

- 6 In section 8(2) of the Explosive Substances Act 1883, for...

Submarine Telegraph Act 1885 (c. 49)

- 7 In the Submarine Telegraph Act 1885— (a) in section 5(1),...

Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890 (c. 37)

- 8 In Schedule 1 to the Foreign Jurisdiction Act 1890, at...

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Fisheries Act 1891 (c. 37)

9 In section 2(1) of the Fisheries Act 1891, for “in...

Commissioners for Oaths Act 1891 (c. 50)

10 In section 1 of the Commissioners for Oaths Act 1891,...

Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act 1895 (c.21)

11 In the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act 1895—

Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act 1912 (c. 10)

12 In section 3 of the Seal Fisheries (North Pacific) Act...

Trustee Act 1925 (c. 19)

13 In section 51(6) of the Trustee Act 1925, for “Acts...

Whaling Industry (Regulations) Act 1934 (c. 49)

14 In section 17(1) of the Whaling Industry (Regulations) Act 1934,...

Public Health Act 1936 (c. 49)

15 In section 343(1) of the Public Health Act 1936, in...

Public Health (Drainage of Trade Premises) Act 1937 (c. 40)

16 In section 14 of the Public Health (Drainage of Trade...

Superannuation (Various Services) Act 1938 (c. 13)

17 In Part I of the Schedule to the Superannuation (Various...

Compensation (Defence) Act 1939 (c. 75)

18 In section 17(1) of the Compensation (Defence) Act 1939, in...

Pensions (Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine) Act 1939 (c. 83)

19 In the Pensions (Navy, Army, Air Force and Mercantile Marine)...

Public Health (Scotland) Act 1945 (c.15)

20 In section 1(8) of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 1945,...

Crown Proceedings Act 1947 (c. 44)

21 In section 38(2) of the Crown Proceedings Act 1947—

British Nationality Act 1948 (c. 56)

22 In section 3(1) of the British Nationality Act 1948, for...

Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1948 (c. 23 (N.I.))

23 In section 4(2) of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act...

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Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 (c. 54)

24 In section 19(7) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949, for...

Coast Protection Act 1949 (c. 74)

25 In section 49(1) of the Coast Protection Act 1949, in...

Registered Designs Act 1949 (c. 88)

26 Consequential Amendments

Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) (Scotland) Act 1951 (c.66)

27 In section 29(4) of the Rivers (Prevention of Pollution) (Scotland)...

Post Office Act 1953 (c. 36)

28 Consequential Amendments

Administration of Justice Act 1956 (c. 46)

29 (1) The Administration of the Justice Act 1956 shall be...

Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958 (c. 23 (N.I.))

30 In section 51(7) of the Trustee Act (Northern Ireland) 1958,...

Factories Act 1961 (c. 34)

31 In section 176(1) of the Factories Act 1961, for the...

Pipe-Lines Act 1962 (c. 58)

32 In section 39(4) of the Pipe-Lines Act 1962, for “section...

Harbours Act 1964 (c. 40)

33 In section 57(1) of the Harbours Act 1964—

*Contracts of Employment and Redundancy
Payments Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 19 (N.I.))*

34 In section 6(1)(c) of the Contracts of Employment and Redundancy...

Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965 (c. 20 (N.I.))

35 In section 176(1) of the Factories Act (Northern Ireland) 1965,...

Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 (c. 17 (N.I.))

36 In the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966—

Finance Act 1966 (c. 18)

37 In section 2(5)(a) of the Finance Act 1966, for “Merchant...

Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967 (c. 84)

38 In the Sea Fish (Conservation) Act 1967—

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Public Health Act (Northern Ireland) 1967 (c. 36 (N.I.))

39 In section 32 of the Public Health Act (Northern Ireland)...

Consular Relations Act 1968 (c. 18)

40 In the Consular Relations Act 1968— (a) in section 13(3),...

Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41)

41 In section 13(6)(a) of the Countryside Act 1968, for “Merchant...

Hovercraft Act 1968 (c. 59)

42 In section 1(1)(i) of the Hovercraft Act 1968—

Sea Fisheries Act 1968 (c. 77)

43 In the Sea Fisheries Act 1968— (a) in section 8(6)—...

Harbours Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 (c. 1 (N.I.))

44 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the Harbours Act...

Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971 (c. 19)

45 (1) The Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971 shall...

Attachment of Earnings Act 1971 (c. 32)

46 In section 24(3) of the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971,...

Industry Act 1972 (c. 63)

47 In section 12(2)(a) of the Industry Act 1972, for “1...

Education (Work Experience) Act 1973 (c. 23)

48 Consequential Amendments

Fishery Limits Act 1976 (c. 86)

49 In section 8 of the Fishery Limits Act 1976—

Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industry Act 1977 (c. 3)

50 In paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 2 to the Aircraft and...

Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977 (S.I. 1977/2157 (NI 28))

51 In the Rates (Northern Ireland) Order 1977—

Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 (c. 23)

52 In section 46 of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978,...

Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)

53 (1) The Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 shall be...

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Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 (c. 5)

54 In section 19(1)(a) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979,...

Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 (c. 43)

55 After section 3 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 insert...

Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (c. 44)

56 In section 123(2)(b) of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, for...

Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 (S.I. 1980/1086 (NI 12))

57 In Article 2(2) of the Private Streets (Northern Ireland) Order...

Animal Health Act 1981 (c. 22)

58 In the Animal Health Act 1981— (a) in section 49(4),...

Senior Courts Act 1981 (c. 54)

59 (1) The Senior Courts Act 1981 shall be amended as...

Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/226 (NI 6))

60 In the Judgments Enforcement (Northern Ireland) Order 1981—

Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/158 (NI 14))

61 In Article 29(6) of the Clean Air (Northern Ireland) Order...

Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1115 (NI 22))

62 In Article 48(3) of the Diseases of Animals (Northern Ireland)...

Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (S.I. 1981/1675 (NI 26))

63 After Article 17 of the Magistrates' Courts Order 1981 insert...

Civil Aviation Act 1982 (c. 16)

64 In the Civil Aviation Act 1982— (a) in section 75(6),...

Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Act 1982 (c. 23)

65 Consequential Amendments

Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (c. 27)

66 In the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982—

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (c. 45)

67 In section 38(4)(a) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982,...

British Fishing Boats Act 1983 (c. 8)

68 In section 9 of the British Fishing Boats Act 1983—...

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Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984 (c. 22)

69 In the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984—

Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 26)

70 In section 9(1) of the Inshore Fishing (Scotland) Act 1984—...

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27)

71 In section 133(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984,...

County Courts Act 1984 (c. 28)

72 (1) The County Courts Act 1984 shall be amended as...

Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984 (c. 47)

73 In section 5(6) of the Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984,...

Dangerous Vessels Act 1985 (c. 22)

74 In section 2(b) of the Dangerous Vessels Act 1985, for...

Food and Environment Protection Act 1985 (c. 48)

75 In section 24(1) of the Food and Environment Protection Act...

Protection of Military Remains Act 1986 (c. 35)

76 In section 9 of the Protection of Military Remains Act...

Wages Act 1986 (c. 48)

77 In section 30(3) of the Wages Act 1986, for “Merchant...

Petroleum Act 1987 (c. 12)

78 In section 23(8) of the Petroleum Act 1987, for “16(2)...

Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987 (c. 18)

79 In section 73(4) of the Debtors (Scotland) Act 1987—

Pilotage Act 1987 (c. 21)

80 In the Pilotage Act 1987— (a) in section 22—

Channel Tunnel Act 1987 (c. 53)

81 In Part III of Schedule 7 to the Channel Tunnel...

Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4)

82 In section 25(1) of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act...

Local Government Finance Act 1988 (c. 41)

83 In Schedule 5 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988,...

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Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 (c. 48)

84 In the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988—

Road Traffic Act 1988 (c. 52)

85 In section 144(2)(c) of the Road Traffic Act 1988, for...

Wages (Northern Ireland) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/796 (NI 7))

86 In Article 26(3) of the Wages (Northern Ireland) Order 1988,...

Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (c. 5)

87 In section 5(7) of the Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act...

Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 (c. 31)

88 (1) The Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 shall be...

Water Industry Act 1991 (c. 56)

89 In the Water Industry Act 1991— (a) in section 121(6),...

Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57)

90 In section 221(1) of the Water Resources Act 1991—

Land Drainage Act 1991 (c. 59)

91 In the Land Drainage Act 1991— (a) in section 12(7),...

Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 (S.I. 1991/1219 (NI 10))

92 In Article 4(b) of the Dangerous Vessels (Northern Ireland) Order...

Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (c. 8)

93 In the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993—

Clean Air Act 1993 (c. 11)

94 In the Clean Air Act 1993— (a) in section 46(6),...

Value Added Tax Act 1994 (c. 23)

95 In section 33(3)(h), for “Part XI of the Merchant Shipping...

SCHEDULE 14 — Transitory, Saving and Transitional Provisions

Extra-territorial provisions

1 (1) Without prejudice to section 315(1), the repeals made by...

References to registration in other legislation

2 Any reference in an enactment in any other Act (not...

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Qualifications: certificates of A.B.

- 3 (1) A seaman engaged in any United Kingdom ship shall...

Manning: certificates existing in 1979

- 4 (1) The power to make regulations under section 47 includes...

Masters and seamen: postponed commencements

- 5 (1) No provision to which this paragraph applies shall have...

Masters and seamen and documents: transitory provisions

- 6 (1) A provision to which this paragraph applies shall cease...

Safety provisions: saving of instruments, etc

- 7 (1) Notwithstanding the repeal by the Merchant Shipping (Registration, etc.)...

Oil pollution: saving for certain transitional provisions

- 8 Notwithstanding the repeal of section 38 of the Merchant Shipping...

Lighthouses: dependencies

- 9 (1) Section 193(5) shall cease to have effect on such...

Lighthouses: Scotland

- 10 Prior to the commencement of paragraph 7 of Schedule 13...

Wreck and salvage: Cinque ports

- 11 Nothing in Part IX shall prejudice or affect any jurisdiction...

Wreck: Liability for damage in case of plundered vessel in Scotland

- 12 Prior to the commencement of paragraph 1 of Schedule 13...

Behring Sea Award

- 13 Nothing in this Act shall affect the Behring Sea Award...

— Table of Derivations

- 1 Notes
2 The following abbreviations are used in the Table:— Acts of...
3 By the Transfer of Functions (Trade and Industry) Order 1983,...
4 By Schedule 1, paragraph 1 to the Customs and Excise...
5 Schedule 4, paragraph 2 of the 1993 Act effected general...
6 The general conversion of then-existing fines in terms of amounts...
7 As regards offences, paragraph 74 of Schedule 4 to the...
8 Section 1(1)(c) of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund)
Act...

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- s. 57(2)(a) words repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 9](#)
- s. 57(2)(b) repealed by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 37 Pt. 9](#)
- s. 97 applied (with modifications) by [S.I. 2021/1316 reg. 14\(5\)\(6\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 145(2)(a)(ia) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 13\(2\)](#)
- s. 145(2)(a)(ia) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 11 para. 16\(2\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 145(2)(a)(ia) by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 36 para. 13 is still prospective.)
- s. 145(2A) inserted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 36 para. 13\(3\)](#)
- s. 145(2A) words substituted by [2015 c. 2 Sch. 11 para. 16\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. The insertion of s. 145(2A) by 2003 c. 44, Sch. 36 para. 13 is still prospective.)