



# Merchant Shipping Act 1906

## CHAPTER 48

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- 33 Discharge, &c. of seamen on change of ownership of ship at a foreign port
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## PART VI

### SUPPLEMENTAL

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## SCHEDULES.

### FIRST SCHEDULE — Scale of Provisions

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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*CONDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS IN APPLYING SCALE.*

- 1 The issue of provisions for which a total weekly, and...
- 2 The issue of soft bread under the scale shall not...
- 3 An equal quantity of fish, up to an amount not...
- 4 Within the tropics, a pound and a half of preserved...
- 5 Fresh potatoes must be issued for at least the first...
- 6 Fresh vegetables, or vegetables preserved in tins, may at any...
- 7 A mixture of coffee and chicory containing not less than...
- 8 The dried fruit issued under the above scale must be...
- 9 The onions to be issued under the above scale must...
- 10 In port— (a) soft bread shall be issued in lieu...
- 11 The stokehold hands are to receive sufficient oatmeal and one...

*SUBSTITUTES AND EQUIVALENTS—TO BE USED WITHOUT REASONABLE CAUSE.*

SECOND — Enactments Repealed  
SCHEDULE