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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1988 No. 1638**

**The Merchant Shipping (Entry into  
Dangerous Spaces) Regulations 1988**

**Inspection and detention and other measures in respect of ships registered outside the United Kingdom**

**11.**—(1) Any person duly authorised by the Secretary of State may inspect any ship other than a United Kingdom ship when the ship is in a United Kingdom port and if he is satisfied that the ship does not conform to the standards of health and safety required of United Kingdom ships by these Regulations, he may:—

- (a) send a report to the Government of the country in which the ship is registered and a copy thereof to the Director General of the International Labour Office; and
- (b) where conditions on board are clearly hazardous to safety or health:—
  - (i) take such measures as are necessary to rectify those conditions;
  - (ii) detain the ship.

Provided that the measures specified in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) may be taken only when the ship has called at a United Kingdom port in the normal course of business or for operational reasons.

(2) If he takes either of the measures specified in paragraph (1)(b) the person duly authorised shall forthwith notify the nearest maritime, consular or diplomatic representative of the State whose flag the ship is entitled to fly.

(3) The person duly authorised shall not in exercise of his powers under this regulation unreasonably detain or delay the ship.