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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 2857**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels  
(Manual Handling Operations) Regulations 1998**

*Made - - - - 10th November 1998*  
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SCHEDULE — The factors to which the employer must have regard and questions he must consider when making an assessment of manual handling operations or providing instruction for workers.

Explanatory Note

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made by the legislation.gov.uk editorial team to The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Manual Handling Operations) Regulations 1998. Any changes that have already been made by the team appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Sch. coming into force by [S.I. 1998/2857 reg. 1\(1\)](#)
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- reg. 1(2)(a) omitted by [S.I. 1999/2205 reg. 18\(a\)](#)
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- reg. 13 coming into force by [S.I. 1998/2857 reg. 1\(1\)](#)
- reg. 13 words omitted by [S.I. 1999/2205 reg. 18\(b\)](#)