



Merchant Shipping Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 39

An Act to make amendments of the law relating to pilotage, carriage by sea, liability of shipowners and salvors and pollution from ships and other amendments of the law relating to shipping, pollution and seamen. [4th April 1979]

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](#))
- C2 Act excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [arts. 11–13](#)
- C3 Act (other than certain provisions) excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991](#), [art. 14](#)

Commencement Information

- I1 Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 52\(2\)](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F1 [Ss. 1–13\(3\)](#) repealed by [Pilotage Act 1983](#) (c. 21, SIF 111), [s. 69\(3\)](#), [Sch. 4](#)

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(1) F2
(4) F3
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Textual Amendments

- F2 [Ss. 1–13\(3\)](#) repealed by [Pilotage Act 1983](#) (c. 21, SIF 111), [s. 69\(3\)](#), [Sch. 4](#)
- F3 [S. 13\(4\)](#) repealed (with saving) by [Pilotage Act 1983](#) (c. 21, SIF 111), [s. 69](#), [Sch. 2](#) para. 4, [Sch. 4](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1979. (See end of Document for details)

F4 S. 13(5) repealed by Pilotage Act 1983 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 69(3), **Sch. 4**

Carriage of passengers and luggage by sea

F5**14**

Textual Amendments
F5 S. 14 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F6**15**

Textual Amendments
F6 S. 15 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F7**16**

Textual Amendments
F7 S. 16 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Liability of shipowners and salvors

F8**17**

Textual Amendments
F8 S. 17 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F9**18**

Textual Amendments
F9 S. 18 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F10**19**

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Textual Amendments

F10 S. 19 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Prevention of pollution from ships etc.

F11 **20**

Textual Amendments

F11 S. 20 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F12 **20A**

Textual Amendments

F12 S. 20A repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Safety and health on ships

F13 **21**

Textual Amendments

F13 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)

F14 **22**

Textual Amendments

F14 S. 22 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Discipline

F15 **23**

Textual Amendments

F15 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)

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F16²⁴

Textual Amendments
F16 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)

F17²⁵

Textual Amendments
F17 S. 25 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Inspectors

F18²⁶

Textual Amendments
F18 S. 26 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F19²⁷

Textual Amendments
F19 S. 27 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F20²⁸

Textual Amendments
F20 S. 28 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Deaths on ships

F21²⁹

Textual Amendments
F21 S. 29 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 1979. (See end of Document for details)

F22 **30**

Textual Amendments

F22 S. 30 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Miscellaneous

F23 **31**

Textual Amendments

F23 S. 31 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), 58(2), **Sch.7**, (with s. 58(4), Sch.8 para. 1) and expressed to be repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F24 **32**

Textual Amendments

F24 S. 32 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F25 **33**

Textual Amendments

F25 S. 33 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F26 **34**

Textual Amendments

F26 S. 34 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F27 **35**

Textual Amendments

F27 S. 35 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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F28 **36**

Textual Amendments
F28 S. 36 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F29 **37**

Textual Amendments
F29 S. 37 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F30 **38**

Textual Amendments
F30 S. 38 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F31 **39**

Textual Amendments
F31 S. 39 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

40 Foreign action affecting shipping.

(1) In section 14 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 (which relates to foreign action affecting shipping)—

- (a) F32
- F33 (b) F32
- (c) F32

(2) F32

Textual Amendments
F32 Ss. 40(1)(a)(c)(d)(2), 45(1) repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), Sch. 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)
F33 S. 40(1)(b) repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 22, ss. 8, 9(4), Sch.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)
C4 The text of ss. 39(1), 40(1) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and, except as specified, does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

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F34 **41**

Textual Amendments

F34 S. 41 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

Offences

F35 **42**

Textual Amendments

F35 S. 42 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F36 **43**

Textual Amendments

F36 S. 43 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

44 F37

Textual Amendments

F37 S. 44 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (c. 12, SIF 111), s. 57(5), Sch. 7, (with s. 58(4), Sch. 8 para. 1)

F38 **45**

Textual Amendments

F38 S. 45 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), Sch. 12 (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F39 **46**

Textual Amendments

F39 S. 46 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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Supplemental

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Textual Amendments
F40 S. 47 repealed (1.5.1994) by 1993 c. 22, s. 8(4), **Sch. 5 Pt.II**; S.I. 1993/3137, art. 3(2), **Sch.2** and expressed to be 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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Textual Amendments
F41 S. 48 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F⁴²49

Textual Amendments
F42 S. 49 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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Textual Amendments
F43 S. 50 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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Textual Amendments
F44 S. 51 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F⁴⁵52

Textual Amendments
F45 S. 52 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

SCHEDULE 1

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Textual Amendments

F46 Sch. 1 repealed by Pilotage Act 1987 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 32(5), **Sch. 3**

SCHEDULE 2

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Textual Amendments

F47 Sch. 2 repealed by Pilotage Act 1983 (c. 21, SIF 111), s. 69(3), **Sch. 4**

^{F48}SCHEDULE 3

Textual Amendments

F48 Sch. 3 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

^{F51}SCHEDULE 4

Textual Amendments

F51 Sch. 4 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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F53 SCHEDULE 5

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Textual Amendments

F53 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)

F55 SCHEDULE 6

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Textual Amendments

F55 Sch. 6 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with s. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

F63 SCHEDULE 7

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Textual Amendments

F63 Sch. 7 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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