



# Merchant Shipping Act 1948

1948 CHAPTER 44 11 and 12 Geo 6

An Act to amend the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts relating to matters affected by certain International Conventions adopted at Seattle in the year nineteen hundred and forty-six. [13th July 1948]

Whereas at a session of the International Labour Conference held at Seattle in the year nineteen hundred and forty-six certain Conventions were adopted, dealing respectively with crew accommodation on board ship, the certification of able seamen, food and catering for crews on board ship, the certification of ships' cooks, and social security for seafarers:

And whereas it is expedient to make such amendments in the law relating to merchant shipping as will enable effect to be given to those Conventions or certain parts thereof, and otherwise to amend the Merchant Shipping Acts with respect to matters dealt with by those Conventions:

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Functions of Minister of Transport under this Act now exercisable by Secretary of State by virtue of [S.I. 1965/145, art. 2, Sch. 1](#), [1970/1537, art. 2](#) and [S.I. 1983/1127, art. 2\(4\)](#)
- C2 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](#)
- C3 Act excluded by [S.I. 1989/1991, arts. 11–14](#)
- C4 Act modified (12.6.1992) by [S.I. 1992/1294, art. 10](#)  
Act excluded (12.6.1992) by [S.I. 1992/1294, arts. 11–13](#).

## Commencement Information

- I1 Act not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 10\(1\)\(2\)](#); Act wholly in force at 1. 1. 1954 see [S.I. 1952/739](#) and [1953/1035](#).

*Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Merchant Shipping Act 1948. (See end of Document for details)*

**Textual Amendments**

**F1** Ss. 1–4, 7 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (c. 36), **Sch. 5** and Ss. 1–4 expressed to be repealed as they apply to the Isle of Man by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1989 (c. 43), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. X**

*Certification of Able Seamen*

**F2** 5 .....

**Textual Amendments**

**F2** S. 5 repealed (1.1.1996) by 1995 c. 21, ss. 314(1), 316(2), **Sch. 12** (with ss. 312(1), Sch. 14 para. 1)

*Certification of Ships' Cooks*

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**Textual Amendments**

**F3** Ss. 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 repealed by Merchant Shipping Act 1970 (c. 36), s. 101(4), **Sch. 5**

**7** ..... **F4**

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*Supplemental*

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