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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1993 No. 3138**

**The Merchant Shipping (Registration  
of Ships) Regulations 1993**

**PART XII**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Custody of certificate**

**109.**—(1) A certificate of registry shall be used only for the lawful navigation of the ship, and shall not be subject to detention by reason of any title, lien, charge or interest whatever had or claimed by any owner, mortgagee or other person to, on, or in the ship.

(2) If any person refuses to surrender the certificate of registry when in his possession or under this control to the person entitled to its custody for the purposes of the lawful navigation of the ship, or to the Registrar, or an officer of customs or any other person entitled by law to demand such delivery, he shall be guilty of an offence.

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** Reg. 109 applied (with modifications) (31.3.2023) by [The Merchant Shipping \(Watercraft\) Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/35\)](#), art. 1(1), [Sch. 1 paras. 1, 2](#)

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** Reg. 109 in force at 21.3.1994, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations 1993, Section 109.