
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 3138

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

PART II

THE REGISTER OF BRITISH SHIPS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Register

2.—(1) The Register maintained by the Registrar in accordance with section 1(1) and (2) of the Act shall be divided into the following parts:—

- (a) Part I for ships, owned by persons qualified in accordance with these regulations, which are not:
 - (i) fishing vessels, or
 - (ii) registered on that Part which is restricted to small ships,
- (b) Part II for fishing vessels,
- (c) Part III for small ships, and
- (d) Part IV for ships which are registered under section 7 of the Act ('bareboat charter ships').

(2) The Register may consist of both paper and computerised records and such other records as the Secretary of State may consider to be expedient.

(3) Any person shall be entitled on application to the Registrar to obtain a transcript, certified by an authorised officer, of the entries in the Register.

(4) During the official opening hours of the General Registry of Shipping and Seamen any person shall be entitled on request to inspect the entries in the Register.

(5) Entries in the Register shall be made in accordance with the following provisions:—

- (a) the property in a ship shall be divided into sixty-four shares;
- (b) subject to the provisions of the Act and these Regulations with respect to joint owners or owners by transmission, not more than sixty-four persons shall be entitled to be registered at the same time as owners of any one ship. This rule shall not affect the beneficial title of any persons represented by or claiming under or through any registered owner or joint owner;
- (c) a person shall not be entitled to be registered as owner of a part of a share; but any number of persons not exceeding five may be registered as joint owners of a ship or of any share or shares in a ship;
- (d) joint owners shall be considered as constituting one person only as regards the persons entitled to be registered, and shall not be entitled to dispose in severalty of any interest in a ship, or in any share in a ship in respect of which they are registered.

(6) The Registrar shall be entitled to amend the Register where:—

- (a) a clerical error has occurred, or

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(b) sufficient evidence is produced to satisfy him that the entry is incorrect, and on making the amendment he shall issue a new certificate of registry [^{F1}or permission] if necessary.

F1 Words in [reg. 2\(6\)](#) inserted (29.3.2019) by [The Merchant Shipping \(Registration of Ships\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/509\)](#), regs. 1(2), [4](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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

Commencement Information

I1 [Reg. 2](#) in force at 21.3.1994, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

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