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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1993 No. 3138**

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

**PART III**

**QUALIFICATION AND ENTITLEMENT FOR  
REGISTRATION ON PART I OF THE REGISTER**

**Persons qualified to be owners of ships to be registered on Part I of the Register**

7.—(1) The following persons are qualified to be the owners of ships which are to be registered on Part I of the Register:—

- [<sup>F1</sup>(a) (i) British citizens; or  
(ii) non-United Kingdom nationals exercising their right of freedom of movement of workers or right of establishment;]
- (b) British Dependent Territories citizens;
- (c) British Overseas citizens;
- (d) persons who under the British Nationality Act 1981(1) are British subjects;
- (e) persons who under the Hong kong (British Nationality) Order 1986(2) are British Nationals (Overseas);
- [<sup>F2</sup>(ea) Commonwealth citizens;
- (eb) citizens of a country listed in Schedule 6;
- (ec) non-United Kingdom nationals who are settled in the United Kingdom;
- (ed) bodies corporate incorporated in a Commonwealth state;
- (ee) bodies corporate incorporated in a country listed in Schedule 6;]
- (f) bodies corporate incorporated [<sup>F3</sup>in the United Kingdom or in an EEA State] ;
- (g) bodies corporate incorporated in any relevant British possession <sup>F4</sup>...; and
- [<sup>F5</sup>(h) UK Economic Interest Groupings.]

(2) A person who is not qualified under paragraph (1) to be the owner [<sup>F6</sup>of a ship registered on Part I of the Register] may nevertheless be one of the owners of such a ship if:

- (a) a majority interest in the ship (within the meaning of regulation 8) is owned by persons who are [<sup>F7</sup>so qualified under paragraph (1)], and
- (b) the ship is registered on Part I of the Register.

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(1) 1981 c. 61.  
(2) S.I.1986/948.

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- F1** Reg. 7(1)(a) substituted (1.1.1999) by The Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/2976), regs. 1, **4(a)**
- F2** Reg. 7(1)(ea)-(ee) inserted (29.3.2019) by The Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/509), regs. 1(2), **5(a)**
- F3** Words in reg. 7(1)(f) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendments etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1221), reg. 2(b), **Sch. para. 1(3)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Words in reg. 7(1)(g) omitted (29.3.2019) by virtue of The Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/509), regs. 1(2), **5(b)**
- F5** Reg. 7(1)(h) substituted (31.12.2020) by The European Economic Interest Grouping (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1299), regs. 1, **63(a)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** Words in reg. 7(2) substituted (21.3.1994) by The Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/541), regs. 1, **3(a)**
- F7** Words in reg. 7(2)(a) substituted (21.3.1994) by The Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) (Amendment) Regulations 1994 (S.I. 1994/541), regs. 1, **3(b)**

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** Reg. 7 in force at 21.3.1994, see **reg. 1(1)**

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