



# Marine Safety Act 2003

## 2003 CHAPTER 16

### 1 Safety directions

- (1) The following shall be inserted in Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (c. 21) (safety) after section 108 (births and deaths)—

#### “108A Safety directions

- (1) Schedule 3A (safety directions) shall have effect.
- (2) A provision made by or by virtue of this Act (including one which creates an offence) shall have no effect in so far as it—
- (a) is inconsistent with the exercise by or on behalf of the Secretary of State of a power under Schedule 3A (safety directions),
  - (b) would interfere with a person’s compliance with a direction under that Schedule, or
  - (c) would interfere with action taken by virtue of that Schedule.”
- (2) Before Schedule 4 to that Act there shall be inserted new Schedule 3A set out in Schedule 1 to this Act.

### 2 Fire authorities: power to charge

- (1) Section 3 of the Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41) (fire authority: supplementary powers) shall be amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)(e) (purposes other than fire-fighting) after “suitable” insert “(whether in their area, in another authority’s area or at sea (whether or not within the territorial sea of the United Kingdom))”.
- (3) After subsection (4) (charges) insert—
- “(4A) A fire authority in England or Wales may make a charge for a service which is rendered for fire-fighting purposes—
- (a) under subsection (1)(dd) above, and
  - (b) outside the area of every fire authority in Great Britain.”

- (4) At the end of section 37 of the Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41) (Isles of Scilly) there shall be added “; and for the purposes of section 3(4A) the Council is a fire authority in England.”

### **3 Amendments and repeals**

- (1) Schedule 2 (minor and consequential amendments) shall have effect.
- (2) The enactments listed in Schedule 3 are hereby repealed to the extent specified.

### **4 Commencement**

This Act shall come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the date on which it is passed.

### **5 Extent**

- (1) This Act extends to the whole of the United Kingdom.
- (2) But section 2 extends to England and Wales only.

### **6 Short Title**

This Act may be cited as the Marine Safety Act 2003.