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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1970 No. 1904**

**The Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping)  
(Kingdom of Belgium) Order 1970**

4. Where an offence is alleged to have been committed on board any ship belonging to the Kingdom of Belgium by the master or a member of the crew, proceedings for the offence instituted otherwise than at the request or with the consent of a consular officer of the Kingdom of Belgium shall not be entertained by any court in the United Kingdom, unless—

- (a) the offence is alleged to have been committed—
  - (i) by or against a person who is a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies, a citizen of Southern Rhodesia, a British subject by virtue of section 2, 13 or 16 of the British Nationality Act 1948 or the British Nationality Act 1965, or a British protected person within the meaning of the said Act of 1948; or
  - (ii) against a person other than the master or a member of the crew; or
- (b) the offence is one involving the tranquillity or safety of a port, or the law relating to safety of life at sea, public health, oil pollution, wireless telegraphy, immigration or customs; or
- (c) the offence is one punishable (on a first conviction) with imprisonment for a term that may extend to five years or with a more severe sentence.