

Regulation (EC) No 782/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 14 April 2003 on the prohibition of organotin compounds on ships

*Article 4*

**Prohibition of the application of organotin compounds which act as biocides**

As from 1 July 2003, organotin compounds which act as biocides in anti-fouling systems shall not be applied or re-applied on ships.

However, during the interim period this provision shall only apply to ships referred to in points (a) or (b) of Article 3(1).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Regulation (EC) No 782/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- Annex 1 para. 1(3) substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(10\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 2(1) substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(10\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Annex 1 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(10\)\(a\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 1(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(10\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 2(2) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(10\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 2(3) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(10\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- Annex 1 para. 2(4) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(10\)\(c\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 2(6) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 2(7) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(2\)\(b\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(7) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(2\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 2(9) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(2\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 2(9) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 2(11)(12) inserted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- Art. 3(1)(b) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Art. 3(1)(c) words inserted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Art. 3(1)(za) inserted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Art. 6(1)(c) omitted by [S.I. 2019/311 reg. 8\(5\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)