



Pilotage Act 1987

1987 CHAPTER 21

PART II

GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING PILOTAGE

Compulsory pilotage

15 **Compulsory pilotage.**

- (1) A ship which is being navigated in an area and in circumstances in which pilotage is compulsory for it by virtue of a pilotage direction shall be—
 - (a) under the pilotage of an authorised pilot accompanied by such an assistant, if any, as is required by virtue of the direction; or
 - (b) under the pilotage of a [^{F1}deck officer] possessing a pilotage exemption certificate in respect of that area and ship.
- (2) If any ship is not under pilotage as required by subsection (1) above after an authorised pilot has offered to take charge of the ship, the master of the ship shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- [^{F2}(3) The master of a ship commits an offence if—
 - (a) the ship is navigated in an area in which a pilotage direction applies to it, and
 - (b) the competent harbour authority which gave the direction has not been given pilotage notification.
- (4) Pilotage notification is notification that the ship will be navigated in an area in which a pilotage direction will apply to it and—
 - (a) that an authorised pilot is required to pilot the ship, or
 - (b) that an authorised pilot is not required because the ship will be piloted by a specified person acting in accordance with a pilotage exemption certificate.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (3) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.]

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Pilotage Act 1987, Cross Heading: Compulsory pilotage. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 15(1)(b) substituted (1.10.2013) by [Marine Navigation Act 2013 \(c. 23\), ss. 2\(3\), 13](#); [S.S.I. 2013/254, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2013/1489, art. 3](#)
- F2** S. 15(3)-(5) substituted for s. 15(3) (1.10.2013) by [Marine Navigation Act 2013 \(c. 23\), ss. 4, 13](#); [S.S.I. 2013/254, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2013/1489, art. 3](#)

16 Liability for ships under compulsory pilotage.

The fact that a ship is being navigated in an area and in circumstances in which pilotage is compulsory for it shall not affect any liability of the owner or master of the ship for any loss or damage caused by the ship or by the manner in which it is navigated.

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