



# 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 master or first mate 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.
- (3) If the master of a ship navigates the ship in an area and in circumstances in which pilotage is compulsory for it by virtue of a pilotage direction without notifying the competent harbour authority which gave the direction that he proposes to do so, he shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.

#### **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.