



Merchant Shipping Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 12

PART I

REGISTRATION OF BRITISH SHIPS

Preliminary

1 Effect of Part I and interpretation

(1) In this Part—

- (a) sections 2 and 3 have effect in place of section 1 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 (qualification for owning British ship); and
- (b) sections 4 to 8 have effect in place of sections 2 and 3 of that Act (obligation to register British ships and exemptions from registry) and for otherwise regulating the registration of ships under Part I of that Act in the United Kingdom.

(2) In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires—

“length”, in relation to a ship, has the same meaning as in the tonnage regulations of the 1894 Act;

“owner”, in relation to a registered ship, means registered owner;

“registered” and “registration” mean respectively registered and registration under Part I of the 1894 Act in the United Kingdom;

“representative person” means a person appointed (or treated as appointed) as such under section 5.

(3) References in this Part to a ship being entitled to be registered shall be construed in accordance with section 4.