

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

BRITISH SHIPS

British ships

- 1 (1) A ship is a British ship if—
- (a) the ship is registered in the United Kingdom under this Act; or
 - (b) the ship is registered in the United Kingdom in pursuance of an Order in Council under section 80 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1906 (Government ships); or
 - (c) the ship is registered under the law of a relevant British possession; or
 - (d) the ship is a small ship other than a fishing vessel and—
 - (i) is not registered under this Act, but
 - (ii) is wholly owned by qualified owners, and
 - (iii) is not registered under the law of a country outside the United Kingdom.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(d) above—
- “qualified owners” means persons of such description qualified to own British ships as is prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State for the purposes of that sub-paragraph; and
 - “small ship” means a ship less than 24 metres in length (“length” having the same meaning as in the tonnage regulations).
- (3) The power to make regulations for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(d) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.