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SCHEDULE 4

PREVENTION OF OIL POLLUTION: TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

CHAPTER III

LIABILITY FOR OIL POLLUTION

Liability

Exceptions from liability under section 153.

- 155 The owner of a ship from which persistent oil has been discharged or has escaped shall not incur any liability under section 153 if he proves that the discharge or escape—
- (a) resulted from an act of war, hostilities, civil war, insurrection or an exceptional, inevitable and irresistible natural phenomenon; or
 - (b) was due wholly to anything done or left undone by another person, not being a servant or agent of the owner, with intent to do damage; or
 - (c) was due wholly to the negligence or wrongful act of a government or other authority in exercising its function of maintaining lights or other navigational aids for the maintenance of which it was responsible.

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