



Merchant Shipping Act 1995

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PART VIII

LIGHTHOUSES

Functions of general lighthouse authorities

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- (1) A general lighthouse authority may, within their area, with the consent of the Secretary of State, direct a local lighthouse authority to—
 - (a) lay down buoys;
 - (b) remove or discontinue any lighthouse, buoy or beacon; or
 - (c) make any variation in the character of any lighthouse, buoy or beacon or in the mode of exhibiting lights in any lighthouse, buoy or beacon;but the authority shall not give a direction without first giving due notice of their intention to do so.
- (2) A local lighthouse authority shall not, without the consent of the general lighthouse authority,—
 - (a) erect or place any lighthouse, buoy or beacon;
 - (b) remove or discontinue any lighthouse, buoy or beacon;
 - (c) vary the character of any lighthouse, buoy or beacon or the mode of exhibiting lights in any lighthouse, buoy or beacon.
- (3) A direction under subsection (1) above shall be given in writing; and it shall be the duty of a local lighthouse authority to whom such a direction is given to comply with it.
- (4) Nothing in this section shall apply to local buoys and beacons placed or erected for temporary purposes.