



# Merchant Shipping Act 1995

## 1995 CHAPTER 21

### PART XII

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

##### *Special evidential provisions*

#### **289 Inspection and admissibility in evidence of copies of certain documents**

- (1) Where under any enactment a document is open to public inspection when in the custody of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen—
  - (a) there may be supplied for public inspection a copy or other reproduction of the document instead of the original; but
  - (b) the original shall nevertheless be made available for public inspection if the copy or other reproduction is illegible.
- (2) Where the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen destroys any document which has been sent to him under or by virtue of any enactment, and keeps a copy or other reproduction of that document, then—
  - (a) any enactment providing for that document to be admissible in evidence or open to public inspection, and
  - (b) in the case of a document falling within subsection (1) above, that subsection, shall apply to the copy or other reproduction as if it were the original.
- (3) For the purposes of this section, and of section 288(2) in its application to documents in the custody of the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen, a copy is to be taken to be the copy of a document notwithstanding that it is taken from a copy or other reproduction of the original.