



# Equality Act 2010

## 2010 CHAPTER 15

### PART 5

#### WORK

### CHAPTER 4

#### SUPPLEMENTARY

#### **81 Ships and hovercraft**

- (1) This Part applies in relation to—
  - (a) work on ships,
  - (b) work on hovercraft, and
  - (c) seafarers,only in such circumstances as are prescribed.
- (2) For the purposes of this section, it does not matter whether employment arises or work is carried out within or outside the United Kingdom.
- (3) “Ship” has the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.
- (4) “Hovercraft” has the same meaning as in the Hovercraft Act 1968.
- (5) “Seafarer” means a person employed or engaged in any capacity on board a ship or hovercraft.
- (6) Nothing in this section affects the application of any other provision of this Act to conduct outside England and Wales or Scotland.

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### Commencement Information

- II** S. 81 wholly in force; s. 81 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 216; s. 81 in force for certain purposes at 6.7.2010 by [S.I. 2010/1736](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#); s. 81 in force at 1.10.2010 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2010/2317](#), [art. 2\(1\)\(5\)\(e\)](#) (with [art. 15](#))

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 40A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 1](#)
- s. 120(9) inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 124A inserted by [2023 c. 51 s. 3](#)