



Seafarers Wages Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 8

General

18 “Harbour” and “harbour authority”

- (1) In this Act “harbour” and “harbour authority”—
- (a) in relation to England, Wales and Scotland, have the same meanings as in the Harbours Act 1964, and
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, have the same meanings as in the Harbours Act (Northern Ireland) 1970.
- (2) In this Act, references to harbours of a harbour authority are to harbours in respect of which it is the harbour authority.
- (3) Where there is more than one harbour authority in respect of a harbour, the Secretary of State may by regulations specify which of them is to be treated as the harbour authority in respect of the harbour for the purposes of this Act.

19 General interpretation

In this Act—

“the data protection legislation” has the same meaning as in the Data Protection Act 2018 (see section 3 of that Act);

“equivalence declaration” has the meaning given by section 3(2);

“false or misleading” means false or misleading in a way which is relevant to the operation of any provision of this Act;

“Maritime Labour Convention” means the Maritime Labour Convention adopted on 23 February 2006 by the General Conference of the International Labour Organisation, as amended from time to time;

“national minimum wage equivalent” has the meaning given by section 4(6);

“non-qualifying seafarer” has the meaning given by section 2;

“operator”, in relation to a service to which this Act applies, means the person who has, or has agreed to take over, in respect of any ship providing

the service, the duties and responsibilities imposed on shipowners under the Maritime Labour Convention;

“relevant year” has the meaning given by section 3(6);

“ship” has the meaning given by section 1(4);

“surcharge” has the meaning given by section 9;

“UK work” has the meaning given by section 4(10);

“work” has the same meaning as in the National Minimum Wage Act 1998.

20 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) The following provisions of this Act come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
 - (a) any provision so far as conferring a power to make regulations;
 - (b) sections 1 and 2, 16 to 19 and this section.
- (3) The provisions of this Act not mentioned in subsection (2) come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) may—
 - (a) appoint different days for different purposes;
 - (b) contain transitional provision.
- (5) This Act may be cited as the Seafarers’ Wages Act 2023.