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# Merchant Shipping (Safety And Load Line Conventions) Act 1932

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## PART I **U.K.**

### SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA

*Miscellaneous Provisions for further Safety of Life at Sea*

22 .....<sup>F1</sup> **U.K.**

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Ss. 10, 11, 13–22 repealed by Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949 (c. 43), Sch. 3.

23 .....<sup>F2</sup> **U.K.**

#### Textual Amendments

**F2** S. 23 repealed by Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967 (c. 27), s. 33, Sch. 2

24 **Report of dangers to navigation.** **U.K.**

- (1) The master of any British ship registered in the United Kingdom, on meeting with dangerous ice, a dangerous derelict, a tropical storm or any other direct danger to navigation, shall send information accordingly, by all means of communication at his disposal and in accordance with rules to be made for the purposes of this section, to ships in the vicinity and to such authorities on shore as may be prescribed by those rules.

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- (2) Rules for the purposes of this section shall be made by the Board of Trade . . . <sup>F3</sup>
- (3) If the master of a ship fails to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F4</sup>level 4 on the standard scale].
- (4) Every person in charge of a wireless telegraph station which is under the control of the Postmaster General, or which is established or installed under licence of the Postmaster General, shall, on receiving the signal prescribed by the said rules for indicating that a message is about to be sent under this section, refrain from sending messages for a time sufficient to allow other stations to receive the message, and, if so required by the Board of Trade, shall transmit the message in such manner as may be required by the Board, and compliance with this subsection shall be deemed to be a condition of every licence granted by the Postmaster General under the <sup>M1</sup>Wireless Telegraphy Act 1904:  
 . . . <sup>F5</sup>
- (5) For the purposes of this section, the expression “tropical storm” means a hurricane, typhoon, cyclone, or other storm of a similar nature, and the master of a ship shall be deemed to have met with a tropical storm if he has reason to believe that there is such a storm in his vicinity.
- (6) . . . <sup>F6</sup>

**Textual Amendments**

**F3** Words repealed by [Merchant Shipping \(Safety Convention\) Act 1949 \(c. 43\), Sch. 3](#)

**F4** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 46](#); (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), s. 289G](#) and (N.I.) [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\), art. 5](#)

**F5** [S. 24\(4\)](#) proviso repealed by [Merchant Shipping \(Safety Convention\) Act 1949 \(c. 43\), Sch. 3](#)

**F6** [S. 24\(6\)](#) repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1950 \(c. 6\)](#)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C1** [S. 24](#) extended by [Merchant Shipping Act 1964 \(c. 47\), s. 16](#)

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** [1904 c. 24.](#)

25, 26. . . . . <sup>F7</sup> **U.K.**

**Textual Amendments**

**F7** [Ss. 25, 26, 28, 32–35, 37, 38](#) repealed by [Merchant Shipping \(Safety Convention\) Act 1949 \(c. 43\), Sch. 3](#)

27 **Signalling lamps.** **U.K.**

No British ship registered in the United Kingdom, being a ship of over one hundred and fifty tons gross tonnage, shall proceed to sea on an international voyage, unless the ship is provided with a signalling lamp of a type approved by the Board of Trade, and if any ship proceeds or attempts to proceed to sea in contravention of this section,

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the owner or master thereof shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F8</sup>level 2 on the standard scale].

**Textual Amendments**

**F8** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 46](#); (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), s. 289G](#) and (N.I.) [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\), art. 5](#)

**28** .....<sup>F9</sup> **U.K.**

**Textual Amendments**

**F9** [Ss. 25, 26, 28, 32–35, 37, 38](#) repealed by [Merchant Shipping \(Safety Convention\) Act 1949 \(c. 43\), Sch. 3](#)

**29** **Method of giving helm orders.** **U.K.**

- (1) No person on any British ship registered in the United Kingdom shall when the ship is going ahead give a helm or steering order containing the word “starboard” or “right” or any equivalent of “starboard” or “right”, unless he intends that the head of the ship shall move to the right, or give a helm or steering order containing the word “port” or “left”, or any equivalent of “port” or “left”, unless he intends that the head of the ship shall move to the left.
- (2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this section shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F10</sup>level 3 on the standard scale].

**Textual Amendments**

**F10** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 46](#); (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\), s. 289G](#) and (N.I.) [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\), art. 5](#)

**30** **Careful navigation near ice.** **U.K.**

- (1) The master of a British ship registered in the United Kingdom, when ice is reported on or near his course, shall at night either proceed at a moderate speed or change his course so as to keep amply clear of the ice reported and of the area of danger.
- (2) If the master of any such ship fails to comply with this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

**C2** [S. 30\(2\)](#) amended by [Merchant Shipping Act 1979 \(c. 39, SIF 111\), s. 43, Sch. 6 Pt. V](#) and [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\), s. 49\(1\)](#)

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[<sup>F11</sup>31 Notice of Atlantic routes. **U.K.**

- (1) The owner of any line of passenger steamers crossing the North Atlantic from or to any port in the United Kingdom by regular routes shall give public notice, in such manner as may be directed by the Board of Trade, of the routes which it is proposed that the ships belonging to the line should follow, and of any changes which may be made in those routes.
- (2) If the owner of any such line of passenger steamers fails to comply with this section, he shall for each offence be liable to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F12</sup>level 2 on the standard scale].]

**Textual Amendments**

- F11** Ss. 1–11, 13–23, 25, 26, 28, 31–39 as they apply to the Isle of Man repealed by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1989 (c. 43), s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. X**
- F12** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48, SIF 39:1), **s. 46**; (S.) Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975 (c. 21, SIF 39:1), **s. 289G** and (N.I.) S.I. 1984/703 (N.I. 3), **art. 5**

32 ..... <sup>F13</sup> **U.K.**

**Textual Amendments**

- F13** Ss. 25, 26, 28, 32–35, 37, 38 repealed by Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Act 1949 (c. 43), **Sch. 3**

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