

1984 No. 1695 (C. 39)**MERCHANT SHIPPING****The Merchant Shipping Act 1981 (Commencement No. 3) Order
1984**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>30th October 1984</i>
<i>Laid</i>	<i>7th November 1984</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>29th November 1984</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 30th day of October 1984

Present,
The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of powers conferred on Her by section 5(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1981^(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping Act 1981 (Commencement No. 3) Order 1984 and shall come into operation on 29th November 1984.

2. The provisions of the Act specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order (which relate to the matters specified in the second column of that Schedule) shall come into force on 29th November 1984.

G. I. de Deney,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

^(a) 1981 c. 10.

SCHEDULE

PROVISIONS COMING INTO FORCE ON 29TH NOVEMBER 1984

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of the provisions
Section 1	Substitution of special drawing rights in limitation provisions of Merchant Shipping Acts
Section 3 for the purposes of section 1	Conversion of special drawing rights into sterling
Section 5(3) so far as not already in force	Repeals
Schedule, so far as it relates to repeal set out in the Appendix to this Schedule	Enactment repealed

APPENDIX TO SCHEDULE

REPEAL TAKING EFFECT ON 29TH NOVEMBER 1984

Chapter	Short title	Extent of repeal
1958 c. 62	The Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and Others) Act 1958.	In section 1, in subsection (1) the words from "or section two" to the end of paragraph (b) and subsections (2), (3) and (4).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into force on 29th November 1984 those provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act 1981 which are not already in operation. These provisions give effect to the Protocol of 21st December 1979 amending the International Convention of 1957 relating to the limitation of the liability of owners of sea-going ships.

The 1979 Protocol, which this Order brings into effect in the United Kingdom, provides that the various limitation amounts expressed in gold francs in the 1957 Convention shall be replaced by equivalent amounts in special drawing rights as defined by the International Monetary Fund. Section 3 enables those special drawing rights to be converted into sterling on any particular day.

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