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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1998 No. 1500**

**The Merchant Shipping (Control  
of Pollution) (SOLAS) Order 1998**

**Power to make regulations**

2.—(1) The Secretary of State may make regulations for the purpose of giving effect to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea Convention 1974, the Protocol thereto, and amendments in force on 1st July 1998, so far as it relates to the prevention, reduction or control of pollution of the sea or other waters by waste matter from ships.

(2) Such regulations may in particular include provision—

- (a) with respect to the carrying out of surveys and inspections for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1) and the issue, duration and recognition of certificates for that purpose;
- (b) with respect to the application of the regulations to the Crown and the extra-territorial operation of any provision of the regulations;
- (c) that a contravention of a provision of the regulation shall be an offence punishable on summary conviction by a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum and on conviction on indictment by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years and a fine;
- (d) that any such contravention shall be an offence punishable only on summary conviction by a maximum fine of an amount not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or such less amount as is prescribed by the regulations;
- (e) for detaining any ship in respect of which such a contravention is suspected to have occurred and, in relation to such a ship, for applying section 284 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 with such modifications, if any, as are prescribed by the regulations.

(3) Such regulations may—

- (a) make different provision for different circumstances;
- (b) make provision in terms of any document which the Secretary of State or any person considers relevant from time to time;
- (c) provide for exemptions from any provisions of the regulations;
- (d) provide for the delegation of functions exercisable by virtue of the regulations;
- (e) include such incidental, supplemental and transitional provisions as appear to the Secretary of State to be expedient for the purposes of regulations.