

1999 No. 3360

MERCHANT SHIPPING

MASTERS AND SEAMEN

**The Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Wages and Accounts)
(Amendment) Regulations 1999**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>14th December 1999</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>16th December 1999</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>10th January 2000</i>

The Secretary of State, after consulting with the organisations referred to in section 306(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995^(a), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 32 of that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Wages and Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 10th January 2000.
2. The Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Wages and Accounts) Regulations 1972^(b) shall be further amended by substituting, in regulation 6(a), "£100" for "£300".
3. The Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Wages and Accounts) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1972^(c) shall be further amended by substituting, in regulation 8(a), "£100" for "£200".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Keith Hill
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment, Transport
and the Regions

14th December 1999

^(a) 1995 c. 21; there is an amendment to section 306(4) which is not relevant to these Regulations.
^(b) S.I. 1972/1700; relevant amendment is S.I. 1994/791.
^(c) S.I. 1972/1701, amended by S.I. 1988/2064.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Wages and Accounts) Regulations 1972 and the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Wages and Accounts) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1972. The Regulations reduce (in both instruments) to £100 the amount that can be deducted from a seaman's wages for the expense or loss caused to an employer by the seaman's absence without leave. This brings the maximum deduction into line with a similar limit in section 70(3) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995.

A regulatory impact assessment has been produced and a copy placed in the library of both Houses of Parliament. Copies can be obtained from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, Spring Place, 105 Commercial Road, Southampton, SO15 1EG (telephone number 01703 329 216).

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