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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 620**

**The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution  
by Sewage from Ships) Regulations 2020**

**PART 4**

**Survey and Certification of Ships**

**Miscellaneous provisions relating to Sewage Certificates**

**24.**—(1) The Secretary of State may cancel a Sewage Certificate issued in respect of a United Kingdom ship where there is reason to believe that—

- (a) the Sewage Certificate was issued on false or erroneous information; or
- (b) since the completion of any survey required by these Regulations, the structure, equipment or machinery of the ship has sustained damage or is otherwise deficient.

(2) The Secretary of State may require the surrender of a Sewage Certificate issued to a United Kingdom ship where that Certificate has expired, been suspended or been cancelled.

(3) A direction given by the Secretary of State under paragraph (2) may specify that a Sewage Certificate must be surrendered within such time and in such manner as the Secretary of State may direct.

(4) In relation to a ship, no person may—

- (a) intentionally alter a Sewage Certificate, unless permitted to do so under these Regulations;
- (b) intentionally make a false Sewage Certificate;
- (c) knowingly or recklessly provide false information in connection with a survey required under these Regulations;
- (d) with intent to deceive, use or lend a Sewage Certificate or permit a Sewage Certificate to be used by another person;
- (e) fail to surrender a Sewage Certificate when required to do so by paragraph (2); or
- (f) in Scotland, forge a Sewage Certificate.

(5) The owner and master of a ship, in respect of which a Sewage Certificate has been issued, must ensure that the Sewage Certificate is readily available on board the ship for examination at all times, except where it has been surrendered pursuant to paragraph (2).

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 24 in force at 22.7.2020, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Sewage from Ships) Regulations 2020, Section 24.