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MERCHANT SHIPPING

CASUALTIES, WRECK AND SALVAGE

**The Protection of Wrecks (RMS Titanic) (Amendment) Order
2021**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>12th April 2021</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>19th April 2021</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>11th May 2021</i>

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 24(1) and (2)(a), (b) and (c) of the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Act 1997(a).

Citation, commencement and extent

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Protection of Wrecks (RMS Titanic) (Amendment) Order 2021.
- (2) This Order comes into force on 11th May 2021.
- (3) This Order extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Amendment

2. In article 4(2)(b) of the Protection of Wrecks (RMS Titanic) Order 2003(b) omit “(other than activities relating to the conservation or curation of artifacts)”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

12th April 2021

Robert Courts
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

(a) 1997 c. 28.
(b) S.I. 2003/2496.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Protection of Wrecks (RMS Titanic) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2496) (“the 2003 Order”). The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the restriction on activities aimed at the artefacts from RMS Titanic found outside the hull covers all activities, whether or not those activities relate to the conservation or curation of artefacts.

The 2003 Order gives effect to the Agreement between the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and France, concerning the shipwrecked vessel RMS Titanic which came into force on 18th November 2019 and the 2003 Order came into force on the same date.

The Agreement concerning the shipwrecked vessel RMS Titanic was published in Cm. 5798. A hard copy of Cm. 5798 is available for inspection free of charge but by appointment at the Parliamentary Archives, Houses of Parliament, London SW1A 0PW (catalogue number HL/PO/JO/10/16/25/1208). An electronic copy of Cm. 5798 can be found at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/853164/TS_8.2019_Agreement_concerning_Shipwrecked_Vessel_RMS_Titanic.pdf

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen. An Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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