

SCHEDULE 2

Amendments

The Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) Regulations 1981

1.—(1) The Merchant Shipping (Official Log Books) Regulations 1981⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 1(2) (interpretation), before the definition of “the Repatriation Regulations”, insert—

““remote operation centre” means any location other than a remotely operated unmanned vessel from which a remotely operated unmanned vessel is operated;

“remotely operated unmanned vessel” means a vessel that—

- (a) is operated from a remote operation centre, and
- (b) is not carrying any person at the time that it is operated;”.

(3) For regulation 2 (exemption from requirement for a UK ship to keep a log book) substitute—

“Exemption from the requirement to keep a log book

2.—(1) The requirement imposed under section 77(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 that an official log book must be kept in every United Kingdom ship does not apply—

- (a) to a ship belonging to a general lighthouse authority;
- (b) to a ship of less than 25 gross tons;
- (c) to a pleasure yacht;
- (d) subject to paragraph (2), to a remotely operated unmanned vessel.

(2) The log book for a remotely operated unmanned vessel must be kept at the remote operation centre for that vessel.”

(1) S.I. 1981/569, amended by S.I.1991/2145; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.