STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1970 No. 1906

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping) (French Republic) Order 1970

Made - - - -	*17th December* 1970
Laid before Parliament	*23rd December* 1970
Coming into Operation	*1st January* 1971

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of December 1970

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by sections 6 and 16(2) of the Consular Relations Act 1968(**a**) or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping) (French Republic) Order 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1971.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3.—(1) The French Republic is designated for the purposes of section 6 of the Consular Relations Act 1968 (which relates to detention on board ship for disciplinary offences).

(2) For the purposes of the said section as applied by virtue of paragraph (1) of this Article a ship shall be treated as belonging to the French Republic if it is registered under the law of the French Republic.

(3) Nothing in this Order shall apply to any ship of war.

W. G. Agnew.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which is made pursuant to the Consular Relations Act 1968, provides, in relation to ships (other than ships of war) of the French Republic, for the detention on board of a member of the crew for a disciplinary offence to be treated as not unlawful except in certain cases.

It gives effect to the relevant provisions of the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and the French Republic which was signed at Paris on 31st December 1951 (Cmnd. 617).

(**a**) 1968 c. 18. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

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