STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 1906 (C. 52)

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping Act 1981 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1983

Made - - - -	21*st December* 1983
Laid before Parliament	9*th January* 1984
Coming into Operation	30*th January* 1984

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 21st day of December 1983

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of powers conferred on Her by section 5(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1981(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), 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 Merchant Shipping Act 1981 (Commencement No. 2) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 30th January 1984.

2. The provisions of the Act specified in the first column of the Schedule to this Order (which relate to the matters specified in the second column of that Schedule) shall come into force on 4th February 1984.

N.E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

(a) 1981 c. 10.

SCHEDULE

PROVISIONS COMING INTO FORCE ON 4th FEBRUARY 1984

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of the provisions
Section 2.	Substitution of special drawing rights in limitation provisions of Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971.
Section 3 for purposes of Article IV of the Rules set out in the Schedule to the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971(**a**) as amended by section 2 of the Act.	Conversion of special drawing rights into sterling.
Section 4(1).	Extension to Northern Ireland.
Section 5(3) so far as it relates to the provisions of the Schedule to the Act brought into force by this Schedule.	Repeals.
Section 5(6).	Consequential.
Schedule, so far as it relates to the repeal set out in the Appendix to this Schedule.	Enactment repealed.

APPENDIX TO SCHEDULE

REPEAL TAKING EFFECT ON 4th FEBRUARY 1984

Chapter	Short Title	Extent of Repeal
1971 c. 19.	The Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971.	Section 1(5).

(**a**) 1971 c. 19.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into force on 4th February 1984 section 2, section 3 so far as it relates to section 2, and section 4(1), together with two consequential matters in section 5, of the Merchant Shipping Act 1981. These give effect to the Protocol of 21st December 1979 to the Convention for the unification of certain rules of law relating to bills of lading of 25th August 1924 as amended by the Protocol of 23rd February 1968 ("the Hague-Visby Rules"). The Hague-Visby Rules, and the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971 which gave effect to them in the United Kingdom, came into force on 23rd June 1977.

The 1979 Protocol, which this Order brings into effect in the United Kingdom, provides that the various limitation amounts expressed in gold francs in the Hague-Visby Rules shall be replaced by equivalent amounts expressed in special drawing rights as defined by the International Monetary Fund. Section 3 enables those special drawing rights to be converted into sterling on any particular day.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDER

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The following provisions of the Act have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order:—

Provision	Date of Commencement	S.I. No.
Section 4(2)	23rd December 1981	1981/1677
Section 5(1), (2), (4), and (5)	23rd December 1981	1981/1677

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