STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 48

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1977

Made - - - -	17*th January* 1977
Laid before Parliament	25*th January* 1977
Coming into Operation	16*th February* 1977

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of January 1977

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 8A(3) of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971(**a**), as inserted by section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1974(**b**), and by section 19(2) of the said Act of 1971, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, 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 (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 16th February 1977.

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

3. The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) Order 1975(**d**) is hereby amended by substituting Schedules 1 and 2 to this Order for Schedules 1 and 2 to that Order, and the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1976(**e**) is hereby revoked.

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

(**a**) 1971 c. 59. (**b**) 1974 c. 43. (**c**) 1889 c. 63. (**d**) S.I. 1975/1036 (1975 II, p. 3601).
(**e**) S.I. 1976/1039 (1976 II, p. 2748).

SCHEDULE 1

COUNTRIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE 1969 CONVENTION IS NOT IN FORCE AND IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE 1957 CONVENTION IS IN FORCE

State	Country	Date from which it ceases to be such a country
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.	The Channel Islands	1st February 1976
	Isle of Man	1st February 1976
	Belize	1st April 1976
	Bermuda	3rd February 1976
	British Antarctic Territory	
	British Virgin Islands ..	1st April 1976
	Cayman Islands	1st April 1976
	Dominica	
	Falkland Islands and Dependencies	1st April 1976
	Gibraltar	1st April 1976
	Gilbert Islands	1st April 1976
	Hong Kong	1st April 1976
	Montserrat	1st April 1976
	New Hebrides	
	St. Lucia	
	St. Vincent	
	Solomon Islands	1st April 1976
	Turks and Caicos Islands ..	1st April 1976
	Tuvalu	1st April 1976
The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.	The Bahamas	20th October 1976
Barbados	Barbados	
The Kingdom of Belgium ..	Belgium	
The Kingdom of Denmark ..	Denmark	2nd July 1975
The Arab Republic of Egypt ..	Egypt	
The Republic of Finland ..	Finland	
The Federal Republic of Germany.	Federal Republic of Germany	18th August 1975
The Republic of Ghana ..	Ghana	
Grenada	Grenada	
The Republic of Guyana ..	Guyana	
The Republic of Iceland ..	Iceland	
The Republic of India	India	
The Empire of Iran	Iran	
The State of Israel	Israel	
The Democratic Republic of Madagascar	Madagascar	
Mauritius	Mauritius	
The Kingdom of the Netherlands	The Netherlands	8th December 1975
The Polish People's Republic ..	Poland	16th June 1976
The Portuguese Republic ..	Portugal	
The Republic of Seychelles ..	Seychelles	1st April 1976
The Republic of Singapore ..	Singapore	
The Spanish State	Spain	7th March 1976
The Swiss Confederation ..	Switzerland	
The Republic of Zaire	Zaire	

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SCHEDULE 2

STATES WHICH ARE PARTIES TO THE 1969 CONVENTION AND COUNTRIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH THE 1969 CONVENTION IS IN FORCE

State	Country	Date of Entry into Force of Convention
The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.	Great Britain and Northern Ireland	19th June 1975
	The Channel Islands	1st February 1976
	The Isle of Man	1st February 1976
	Belize	1st April 1976
	Bermuda	3rd February 1976
	British Indian Ocean Territory	1st April 1976
	British Virgin Islands	1st April 1976
	Cayman Islands	1st April 1976
	Falkland Islands and Dependencies	1st April 1976
	Gibraltar	1st April 1976
	Gilbert Islands	1st April 1976
	Hong Kong	1st April 1976
	Montserrat	1st April 1976
	Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands	1st April 1976
	Saint Helena and Dependencies	1st April 1976
	Solomon Islands	1st April 1976
	Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia	1st April 1976
	Turks and Caicos Islands	1st April 1976
	Tuvalu	1st April 1976
The Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria.	Algeria	19th June 1975
The Commonwealth of the Bahamas.	The Bahamas	20th October 1976
The Kingdom of Denmark	Denmark	2nd July 1975
The Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic	2nd July 1975
Fiji	Fiji	19th June 1975
The French Republic	France	19th June 1975
The Federal Republic of Germany.	Federal Republic of Germany	18th August 1975
The Hellenic Republic	Greece	27th September 1976
The Republic of the Ivory Coast	Ivory Coast	19th June 1975
Japan	Japan	1st September 1976
The Lebanese Republic	Lebanon	19th June 1975
The Republic of Liberia	Liberia	19th June 1975
The Principality of Monaco	Monaco	19th November 1975
The Kingdom of Morocco	Morocco	19th June 1975
The Kingdom of the Netherlands	Netherlands	8th December 1975
New Zealand	New Zealand	26th July 1976
The Kingdom of Norway	Norway	19th June 1975
The Republic of Panama	Panama	6th April 1976

SCHEDULE 2—*continued*

State	Country	Date of Entry into Force of Convention
The Polish People's Republic ..	Poland	16th June 1976
The Republic of Senegal ..	Senegal	19th June 1975
The Republic of Seychelles ..	Seychelles	1st April 1976
The Spanish State	Spain	7th March 1976
The Republic of South Africa ..	South Africa	15th June 1976
The Kingdom of Sweden ..	Sweden	19th June 1975
The Syrian Arab Republic ..	Syria	19th June 1975
The Tunisian Republic	Tunisia	2nd August 1976
The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.	All territories comprised within the Soviet Socialist Republics	22nd September 1975
The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.	Yugoslavia	16th September 1976

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971 as amended by the Merchant Shipping Act 1974 gives effect in the United Kingdom to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage signed in Brussels on 29th November 1969 (Cmnd. 4403). The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) Order 1975 declares the countries in respect of which the said Convention is not in force but in respect of which the International Convention relating to the Limitation of Liability of Owners of Seagoing Ships signed in Brussels on 10th October 1957 (Cmnd. 3678) is in force. That Order also declares the States which are parties to the 1969 Convention and the countries in respect of which they are parties.

The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1976 brought the principal Order up to date in relation to a number of States for which the 1969 Convention had entered into force since the making of the Principal Order. Since that amending Order was made the 1969 Convention has entered into force for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, the Hellenic Republic, Japan, New Zealand, the Tunisian Republic and the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The present Order amends the principal Order accordingly and replaces the previous amending Order.

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