STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 416

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) Order 1983

Made - - - -	16*th March* 1983
Laid before Parliament	24*th March* 1983
Coming into Operation	14*th April* 1983

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 16th day of March 1983

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by sections 8A(3) and 19(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971 (**a**) and by section 738 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 (**b**), 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) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on the 14th April 1983.

2. In this Order "the 1957 Convention" means the International Convention relating to the Limitation of the Liability of Owners of Seagoing Ships signed in Brussels on 10th October 1957 (**c**), and "the 1969 Convention" means the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage signed in Brussels on 29th November 1969 (**d**).

3. It is hereby declared that, in relation to a State specified in the first column of Schedule 1 to this Order, a country specified opposite thereto in the second column of that Schedule is not a country in respect of which the 1969 Convention is in force and is a country in respect of which the 1957 Convention is in force. In the case of a country ceasing to be such a country, the date on which it so ceases is specified in the third column of the said Schedule.

4. It is hereby declared that, in relation to a State specified in the first column of Schedule 2 to this Order, that State is a party to the 1969 Convention in respect of the country specified opposite thereto in the second column of that Schedule with effect from the date of entry into force of the Convention for that State as specified in the third column of the said Schedule.

(**a**) 1971 c. 59; section 8A was inserted by section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1974; (c. 43).
(**b**) 1894 c.60. (**c**) Cmnd. 3678. (**d**) Cmnd. 6183.

5. The Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) Order 1975 (**a**) and the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Parties to Conventions) (Amendment) Order 1979 (**b**) are revoked.

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

SCHEDULE 1 Article 3

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	Great Britain and Northern Ireland	19th June 1975
	The Channel Islands ...	1st February 1976
	Isle of Man	1st February 1976
	Bermuda	3rd February 1976
	British Antarctic Territory ...	
	British Virgin Islands ...	1st April 1976
	Cayman Islands	1st April 1976
	Falkland Islands and Dependencies	1st April 1976
	Gibraltar	1st April 1976
	Hong Kong	1st April 1976
	Montserrat	1st April 1976
	Turks and Caicos Islands ...	1st April 1976
The Democratic and Popular Republic of Algeria	Algeria	19th June 1975
The Commonwealth of Australia	Australia	
The Commonwealth of the Bahamas	The Bahamas	20th October 1976
Barbados	Barbados	
The Kingdom of Denmark	Denmark	2nd July 1975

(**a**) S.I. 1975/1036. (**b**) S.I. 1979/1450.

State	Country	Date from which it ceases to be such a country
The Arab Republic of Egypt	Egypt	
Fiji	Fiji	19th June 1975
The Republic of Finland	Finland	8th January 1981
The French Republic	France	19th June 1975
The Federal Republic of Germany	Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin (West)	18th August 1975
The Republic of Ghana	Ghana	19th July 1978
Grenada	Grenada	
The Republic of Guyana	Guyana	
The Republic of Iceland	Iceland	15th October 1980
The Republic of India	India	
The Islamic Republic of Iran	Iran	
The State of Israel	Israel	
Republic of Kiribati	Kiribati	1st April 1976
The Democratic Republic of Madagascar	Madagascar	
Mauritius	Mauritius	
The Kingdom of the Netherlands	Netherlands	8th December 1975
The Kingdom of Norway	Norway	19th June 1975
The Polish People's Republic	Poland	16th June 1976
The Portuguese Republic	Portugal	24th February 1977
The Republic of Singapore	Singapore	15th December 1981
Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands	1st April 1976
Spain	Spain	7th March 1976
The Kingdom of Sweden	Sweden	19th June 1975
The Swiss Confederation	Switzerland	
The Syrian Arab Republic	Syria	19th June 1975
The Kingdom of Tonga	Tonga	
Tuvalu	Tuvalu	1st April 1976
The Republic of Zaire	Zaire	

SCHEDULE 2 Article 4

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
	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
	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
	Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia ...	1st April 1976
	Turks and Caicos Islands ...	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 Belgium	Belgium	12th April 1977
Belize	Belize	1st April 1976 (a)
The Federative Republic of Brazil	Brazil	17th March 1977
The Republic of Chile	Chile	31st October 1977
The People's Republic of China	China	29th April 1980
The Kingdom of Denmark	Denmark	2nd July 1975
The Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic ...	2nd July 1975
The Republic of Ecuador	Ecuador	23rd March 1977

(a) Continues to apply provisionally from the date of independence, i.e. 21st September 1981.

State	Country	Date of Entry into Force of Convention
Fiji	Fiji	19th June 1975
The Republic of Finland	Finland	8th January 1981
The French Republic	France	19th June 1975
The Gabonese Republic	Gabon	21st April 1982
The Federal Republic of Germany	Federal Republic of Germany and Berlin (West) ...	18th August 1975
The German Democratic Republic	German Democratic Republic	11th June 1978
The Republic of Ghana	Ghana	19th July 1978
The Hellenic Republic	Greece	27th September 1976
The Republic of Guatemala	Guatemala	18th January 1983
The Republic of Iceland	Iceland	15th October 1980
The Republic of Indonesia	Indonesia	30th November 1978
The Italian Republic	Italy	28th May 1979
The Republic of the Ivory Coast	Ivory Coast	19th June 1975
Japan	Japan	1st September 1976
Republic of Kiribati	Kiribati	1st April 1976 (a)
The Republic of Korea	Korea	18th March 1979
The State of Kuwait	Kuwait	1st July 1981
The Lebanese Republic	Lebanon	19th June 1975
The Republic of Liberia	Liberia	19th June 1975
The Republic of Maldives	Maldives	14th June 1981
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 Federal Republic of Nigeria	Nigeria	5th August 1981
The Kingdom of Norway	Norway	19th June 1975
The Republic of Panama	Panama	6th April 1976
The Independent State of Papua New Guinea	Papua New Guinea	10th June 1980
The Polish People's Republic	Poland	16th June 1976
The Portuguese Republic	Portugal	24th February 1977

(a) Continues to apply provisionally from the date of independence, i.e. 12th July 1979.

State	Country	Date of Entry into Force of Convention
The Republic of Senegal	Senegal	19th June 1975
The Republic of Singapore	Singapore	15th December 1981
Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands	1st April 1976 (a)
The Republic of South Africa	South Africa	15th June 1976
Spain	Spain	7th March 1976
The Kingdom of Sweden	Sweden	19th June 1975
The Syrian Arab Republic	Syria	19th June 1975
The Tunisian Republic	Tunisia	2nd August 1976
Tuvalu	Tuvalu	1st April 1976
The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	All territories comprised within the Soviet Socialist Republics	22nd September 1975
The Yemen Arab Republic	Yemen Arab Republic ...	4th June 1979
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. 6183). This Order declares the States which are parties to the 1969 Convention and the countries in respect of which they are parties. It also declares the countries in respect of which the 1969 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.

This Order is necessary because, since the last Order was made, the 1969 Convention has entered into force for China, Finland, Gabon, Guatemala, Iceland, Kuwait, the Maldives, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea and Singapore.

(a) Continues to apply provisionally from the date of independence, i.e. 7th July 1978.

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