1971 No. 932 (C. 22)

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1971 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1971

Made - - - - *3rd June* 1971

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 12(3) of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1971(a), hereby orders as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1971 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1971.

2. The provisions of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1971 specified in the Schedule to this Order shall come into operation on 21st June 1971.

Anthony Grant,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Trade and Industry.

3rd June 1971.

SCHEDULE

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 2	Discharge of oil into United Kingdom waters.
Section 3	Special defences.
Section 5	Duty to report discharges of oil into waters of harbours.
Section 7	Increase in maximum fine for certain offences.
Section 8	Shipping casualties.
Section 9	Application of Act to hovercraft.
Section 10	Provisions as to Northern Ireland.

(a) 1971 c. 21.

Provisions of the Act	Subject matter of provisions
Section 11(1) to the extent that it gives effect to paragraph 6 of Schedule 1.	Minor and consequential amendments.
Section 11(2) to the extent that it gives effect to the provisions of Schedule 3 specified below.	Repeals.
Section 12	Citation and construction.
Schedule 1 paragraph 6	Consequential amendment to section 22(3) of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1955(a).
Schedule 2	Shipping casualties.
Schedule 3 in so far as it relates to Sections 4(3) and 23(7) of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1955.	Enactments repealed.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into force the provisions of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1971 specified in the Schedule. These amend sections of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act 1955 relating to the discharge of oil into United Kingdom waters, special defences for oil pollution offences and the duty to report discharges of oil into waters of harbours. They also increase the maximum fine on summary conviction for a number of oil pollution offences from £1,000 to £50,000, confer power on the Secretary of State to give directions and take action in relation to ships which threaten oil pollution after a casualty, and contain supplementary provisions.

(a) 1955 c. 25.