Regulation 2 applies to all British ships registered in the United Kingdom and permits, in certain circumstances, the discharge from bilges into a prohibited sea area of a mixture containing oil of particular descriptions.

Regulation 3 applies to British ships being tankers registered in the United Kingdom and permits, subject to prescribed conditions and in prescribed circumstances the discharge of oil-contaminated ballast or tank cleaning water into a prohibited sea area.

Regulation 4 applies to certain British ships registered in the United Kingdom (not being tankers) and permits, in prescribed circumstances, the discharge of oil-contaminated ballast water into a prohibited sea area.

Regulation 5 applies to all vessels of whatever nationality of less than 80 tons gross tonnage and permits the discharge into United Kingdom waters of bilge water containing lubricating oil which has drained or leaked from machinery spaces.

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The Oil in Navigable Waters (Heavy Diesel Oil) Regulations, 1956

Made - - - -	*8th June*, 1956
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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under subsection (2) of Section 1 of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act, 1955(**a**), (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the eighth day of September, 1956, and may be cited as the Oil in Navigable Waters (Heavy Diesel Oil) Regulations, 1956.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. For the purposes of Section 1 of the Act, heavy diesel oil shall mean marine diesel oil, other than those distillates of which more than half the volume distils at a temperature not exceeding 340 degrees Centigrade when tested by the A.S.T.M. (American Society for Testing Materials) Standard Method D.158-54.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this eighth day of June, 1956.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations define heavy diesel oil, being one of the oils the discharge of which within a prohibited sea area is an offence under Section 1 of the Oil in Navigable Waters Act, 1955.

(**a**) 3 & 4 Eliz. 2. c. 25. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.