STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 497

MERCHANT SHIPPING

OIL POLLUTION

The Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 1977

Made - - - -	17*th March* 1977
Laid before Parliament	23*rd March* 1977
Coming into Operation	12*th April* 1977

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 10(4) of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971(**a**) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 1977 and shall come into operation on 12th April 1977.

2. In paragraph (1) of Article 4 (recognition of certificates) of the Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1977(**b**), a reference to Belgium shall be added before the reference to Denmark.

Stanley Clinton Davis,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

17th March 1977.

(a) 1971 c. 59.

(b) S.I. 1977/85 (1977 I, p. 181).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Oil Pollution (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 1977 provide, *inter alia*, for the recognition of certificates of insurance against liability for oil pollution damage caused by ships in cases where such certificates are issued by or under the authority of the governments of certain countries specified in the Regulations. This provision is made for the purposes of the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act 1971, which gives effect to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage signed in Brussels in 1969 (Cmnd 4403).

Regulation 2 amends the 1977 Regulations in this regard. The effect is that a certificate for a ship registered in a country which is not a party to the Convention is recognised for the purposes mentioned above if it is issued by or under the authority of the government of Belgium.

SI 1977/497
ISBN 0-11-070497-5

