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Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991

MERCHANT SHIPPING (QUALIFIED OWNERS OF MANX SHIPS) (RELEVANT COUNTRIES) REGULATIONS 2025

Approved by Tynwald: 19 February 2025

Coming into Operation in accordance with regulation 2

The Department for Enterprise, after consultation with the Secretary of State¹, makes the following Regulations under section 45(1)(e) and 76(1) of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991.

1 Title

These Regulations are the Merchant Shipping (Qualified Owners of Manx Ships) (Relevant Countries) Regulations 2025.

2 Commencement

These Regulations come into operation on 1 March 2025².

3 Interpretation

In these Regulations, “**the Act**” means the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991.

4 Persons qualified to be owners of Manx ships – relevant countries

The countries specified in the Schedule are relevant countries for the purposes of section 2(1)(f), (ff) and (g) of the Act.

¹ Under section 45(1)(e) of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991, before making Regulations under section 76(1) of the Act, the Department for Enterprise must consult the Secretary of State.

² The procedure in section 31 (“affirmative”) of the Legislation Act 2015 applies in relation to the making of Regulations under section 76(3) and 76(4) of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991.

5 Revocations

The following Regulations are revoked-

- (a) the Merchant Shipping (Qualified Owners of Manx Ships) (Relevant Countries) Regulations 2007³;
- (b) the Merchant Shipping (Qualified Owners of Manx Ships) (Relevant Countries) Regulations 2013⁴; and
- (c) the Merchant Shipping (Qualified Owners of Manx Ships) (Relevant Countries) Regulations 2015⁵.

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Minister for Enterprise

³ SD 2007/0302.

⁴ SD 2013/0070.

⁵ SD 2015/0402.

SCHEDULE

PRESCRIBED RELEVANT COUNTRIES

[Regulation 4]

The following countries are relevant countries for the purposes of section 2(1)(f), (ff) and (g) of the Act —

Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Aruba
Australia
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belize
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei
Cameroon
Canada
China
Dominica
Fiji
Gabon
Ghana
Grenada
Guyana
Haiti
Hong Kong
India
Israel
Jamaica
Japan
Kenya
Kingdom of Eswatini
Kiribati
Lesotho
Liberia
Madeira
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Marshall Islands
Mauritius
Monaco
Mozambique
Namibia

SCHEDULE

Nauru
New Zealand
Nigeria
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Qatar
Republic of South Korea
Rwanda
Saint Lucia
Samoa
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Solomon Islands
South Africa
Sri Lanka
St Kitts and Nevis
St Vincent and the Grenadines
Suriname
Switzerland
The Canary Islands
The Faroe Islands
The Gambia
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Turkey
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Arab Emirates
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Vanuatu
Zambia

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe a list of relevant countries for the purposes of section 2(1)(f), (ff) and (g) of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991.

These Regulations revoke 3 previous sets of regulations which prescribed relevant countries, consolidating all relevant countries into a single schedule. Additional countries have been prescribed as relevant countries for the purposes of the Act, these consist of: Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Aruba, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei, Cameroon, Dominica, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Kingdom of Eswatini, Kiribati, Lesotho, Maderia, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Nigeria, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Qatar, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leona, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, St Kitts and Nevis, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Canary Islands, The Faroe Islands, The Gambia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu and Zambia.

These Regulations also remove Russia from being prescribed as a relevant country.