STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1970 No. 1919

MERCHANT SHIPPING

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The Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping and Civil Aviation) (Polish People's Republic) Order 1970

Made - - - -	*17th December* 1970
Laid before Parliament	*23rd December* 1970
Coming into Operation	*On a date to be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of December 1970

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, by virtue and in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by sections 4 and 16(2) of the Consular Relations Act 1968(**a**) or otherwise in Her Majesty vested, 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 Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping and Civil Aviation) (Polish People's Republic) Order 1970 and shall come into operation on a date to be notified in the London, Edinburgh and Belfast Gazettes.

2.—(1) For the purposes of this Order a ship shall be treated as belonging to the Polish People's Republic if it is entitled to fly the flag of the Polish People's Republic.

(2) For the purposes of this Order an aircraft shall be treated as belonging to the Polish People's Republic if it is registered in the Polish People's Republic.

(3) Nothing in this Order shall apply to any ship of war or military aircraft.

(4) The Interpretation Act 1889(**b**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Proceedings relating to the remuneration or any contract of service of the master or commander or a member of the crew of any ship or aircraft belonging to the Polish People's Republic shall not be entertained by any court in the United Kingdom unless a consular officer of the Polish People's Republic has been notified of the intention to invoke the jurisdiction of that court and has not objected within a period of two weeks from the date of such notification and a statement to that effect is included among the details on which the claim is based at the time when the proceedings are commenced.

W. G. Agnew.

(**a**) 1968 c. 18. (**b**) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which is made pursuant to the Consular Relations Act 1968, provides, in relation to ships and aircraft (other than ships of war and military aircraft) of the Polish People's Republic, for limiting the jurisdiction of the courts of the United Kingdom to entertain proceedings relating to the remuneration or any contract of service of the master or commander or a member of the crew unless a Polish consul consents. It gives effect to the relevant provisions of the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and the Polish People's Republic which was signed at London on 23rd February 1967 (Cmnd. 3307).

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