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ANCHORS AND CHAIN CABLES ACT 1979

Received Royal Assent: 23 May 1979
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AN ACT to consolidate with amendments certain enactments relating to anchors and chain cables, and for connected purposes.

GENERAL NOTE: The maximum fines in this Act are as increased by the Fines Act 1986 and by the Criminal Justice (Penalties, Etc.) Act 1993 s 1.

1 Marking of anchors

(1) Every manufacturer of anchors shall mark on every anchor manufactured by him in legible characters, both on the crown and on the shank under the stock, his name or initials, and shall, in addition, mark on the anchor a progressive number and the weight of the anchor.

(2) If a manufacturer of anchors fails, without reasonable cause to comply with subsection (1), he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000.

2 Power by order to apply UK rules for testing anchors and cables

(1) The Department of Economic Development may by order apply to ships registered in the Island any rules made under section 1(1) of the Anchors and Chain Cables Act 1967 (an Act of Parliament, in this Act referred to as “the 1967 Act”) with such modifications and exceptions as may be specified in the order.¹

(2) No order under subsection (1) shall have effect until it has been approved by Tynwald.

(3) No ship registered in the Island shall have on board as part of her equipment an anchor or chain cable, being an anchor or chain cable which was first taken on board after the 16th November 1970, unless —
the anchor or cable has been marked, and a certificate in respect of it has been issued, in accordance with the U.K. rules; or

(b) the anchor or cable is of a class or description exempted under section 1(1)(e) of the 1967 Act;

and, if this subsection is contravened in respect of any ship, the owner or master shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

(4) If any person applies to any anchor or cable which has not passed the tests prescribed by the U.K. rules any mark prescribed by those rules for denoting that it has passed those tests, or any other mark calculated to suggest that it has passed those tests, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000.

(5) For the purpose of giving jurisdiction under this Act, every offence shall be deemed to have been committed, and every cause of complaint to have arisen, either in the place where the same was actually committed or arose or in any place in which the offender or person complained against may be.

3 Interpretation

In this Act —

“the 1967 Act” has the meaning assigned to it by section 2(1);

“anchor” (except in section 1) and “chain cable” include any shackle attached to, or intended to be used in connection with, the anchor or cable;

“master” includes every person (except a pilot) having command or charge of any ship;

“ship” includes every description of vessel which is not propelled by oars;

“the U.K. rules” means rules applied by an order under section 2(1);

“vessel” includes any ship or boat and any other description of vessel used in navigation, and also includes a non-displacement craft.

4 [Amends paragraph 4 of the Schedule to Mineral Workings (Offshore Installations) (Isle of Man) Act 1974.]

5 Savings

An anchor or cable tested or marked, and any certificate issued —

(a) before the 19th October 1970, under the Anchors and Chain Cables Act 1899 (an Act of Parliament); or

(b) before the 17th November 1970, under the Chain Cable and Anchor Act 1873,
shall be deemed to have been tested or marked, or, as the case may be, issued, in accordance with the U.K. rules.

6 [Repealed]\(^2\)

7 **Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Anchors and Chain Cables Act 1979.
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1 Subs (1) amended by SD155/10 Sch 2.
3 Sch repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1983 Sch 2.