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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 770**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of  
Registries of Overseas Territories) Order 1991**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>20th March 1991</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>3rd April 1991</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st May 1991</i>

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 11 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988<sup>(1)</sup> and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

**1.—(1)** This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Overseas Territories) Order 1991 and shall come into force on 1st May 1991.

(2) The Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Overseas Territories) Order 1988<sup>(2)</sup> is hereby revoked.

**2.—(1)** For the purposes of section 11 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 (regulation of registration of ships in overseas territories by reference to categories of registers) there are hereby established the categories of registry specified in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order which shall be known by the designation specified opposite thereto in column 1 of the said Schedule.

(2) The relevant overseas territories specified in column 4 of the Schedule are hereby assigned to the categories in Column 2.

**3.—(1)** No ship affected by a restriction on registration specified in column 3 of the Schedule in relation to any category of registry shall be registered under Part I of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894<sup>(3)</sup> in a relevant overseas territory assigned to that category.

(2) Paragraph (1) above shall be without prejudice to the operation of any provision for the time being in force under the law of any such territory as is mentioned in that paragraph by virtue of which the registration of ships under Part I of the 1894 Act in that territory is, or may be, further restricted.

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(1) 1988 c. 12.  
(2) S.I.1988/2251.  
(3) 1894 c. 60.

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*G. I. de Deney*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

SCHEDULE

Articles 2 and 3

CATEGORIES OF REGISTRY AND TERRITORIES ASSIGNED THERETO

(1) Designation of Category	(2) Category	(3) Restrictions	(4) Relevant Overseas Territories
1A: Unlimited tonnage and type	Registry to which no restriction such as is mentioned in section 11(2)(a) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 applies	Bermuda Isle of Man	
2A: Limited tonnage	Registry to which the restriction specified in column 3 as to the size of ships which may be registered therein applies	Ships of more than 150 tons may not be registered	Guernsey Jersey

In this Schedule "tons" means gross tons, and the gross tonnage of a ship having alternative tonnages shall be taken to be the larger of those tonnages.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order replaces the Merchant Shipping (Categories of Registries of Overseas Territories) Order 1988 which was made under section 11 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988. The section enables Orders in Council to establish categorisation of registry by reference to which registration of ships in the relevant overseas territories—i.e. Crown Dependencies and dependent territories—may be regulated. That Order assigned the Isle of Man and Bermuda to category 1A, namely territories which may register ships of any tonnage or type (subject to any restrictions under local law).

This Order repeats that category, and introduces a new one, 2A: Limited tonnage, to which Guernsey and Jersey are assigned. Under this category ships of more than 150 gross tons may not be registered in Guernsey or Jersey.