2008 No. 1243

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Relevant British Possessions) (Amendment) Order 2008

Made - - - - - 7th May 2008

Laid before Parliament 14th May 2008

Coming into force - - 4th June 2008

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 7th day of May 2008

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 18 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(a) is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order as follows:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Relevant British Possessions) (Amendment) Order 2008 and shall come into force on 4th June 2008.

Amendment to the Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Relevant British Possessions) Order 2003

2. For the Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Relevant British Possessions) Order 2003(**b**) substitute—

"SCHEDULE

Article 6

Categories of registry and assignment of relevant British possessions

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
Designation of	Category	Restrictions	Relevant	British
category			Possessions	
1: Unlimited	Registry to which no		Bermuda	

⁽a) 1995 c.21.

⁽b) S.I. 2003/1248, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

tonnage, type and length	restriction such as is mentioned in section 18(2)(a) of the Merchant shipping Act 1995 applies		British Virgin Islands Cayman Islands Gibraltar Isle of Man
2: Limited type and tonnage	Registry in which ships may be registered, subject to the restrictions specified in column (3)	The following types of ships may not be registered: (i) passenger ships, (ii)pleasure vessels of more than 150 tons, and (iii) ships which are not passenger ships or pleasure vessels, but which are of more than 150 tons	Anguilla Falkland Islands Guernsey Jersey Montserrat St. Helena Turks and Caicos Islands"

Judith Simpson Clerk of the Privy Council

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made under section 18 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, which enables an Order in Council to establish categories of registry by reference to which registration of ships in the relevant British possessions may be regulated.

The Order substitutes a revised Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Relevant British Possessions) Order 2003. The effect of the amendment is to re-classify the registry of the British Virgin Islands from Category 2 to Category 1.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this Order as it has no impact on business, charities or the voluntary sector.