

(2) Every ship so owned and duly registered within the British Commonwealth shall possess a common status for all purposes and shall be entitled to the recognition usually accorded to British ships.

Registry

Article 3.—The laws, regulations, forms and procedure relating to the matters following, that is to say:—

Obligation to Register;
 Certificate of Registry;
 Transfer and Transmissions;
 Mortgages;
 Certificates of Mortgage and Sale;
 Name of Ship;
 Registry of Alterations, Registry Anew, and Transfer of Registry;
 Incapacitated Persons;
 Trusts and Equitable Rights;
 Liability of Beneficial Owner;
 Managing Owner;
 Declarations, Inspection of Register and Fees;
 Returns, Evidence and Forms;
 Forgery and False Declarations;
 Measurement of Ship and Tonnage;

shall be substantially the same throughout the British Commonwealth and so far as possible be based on Part I of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

Article 4.—In order that there may be a complete list of ships registered in all parts of the British Commonwealth for statistical purposes, particulars (such as the name of the ship, the registered number, the port to which she belongs, the name of the registered owner, and the tonnage) relating to all ships registered at their ports, will be forwarded by the Administration of each Part of the Commonwealth at convenient intervals to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen in London. Copies of the complete list shall be forwarded annually to the Administration of each Part of the Commonwealth.

National Colours

Article 5.—It being recognized that the proper national colours for all ships registered in any Part of the Commonwealth shall be such as may be determined by the Government of that Part, each Part of the Commonwealth undertakes to prohibit under penalty (a) the use by ships registered in that Part of any national colours other than those determined for those ships; (b) the hoisting on board any ship registered in that Part of colours proper to a ship of war or resembling any of those colours, without proper warrant.

PART II

Standards of Safety

Article 6.—While each Part of the Commonwealth will from time to time determine the standards with which its ships shall be required to comply in all matters relating to safety, every endeavour will be made to preserve uniformity and to maintain the standards at present in force.

Article 7.—Each Government which proposes to make an alteration of substance in these standards will give as long notice as practicable to the other Governments of the proposed alteration and of the reasons for it.