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**1970 No. 1918**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping and Civil Aviation) (People'S Republic of Bulgaria) Order 1970**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>17th December 1970</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>23rd December 1970</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st January 1971</i>

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 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) (People's Republic of Bulgaria) Order 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1971.

2.—(1) For the purposes of this Order a ship shall be treated as belonging to the People's Republic of Bulgaria if it is registered at a port of the People's Republic of Bulgaria.

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

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

(4) The Interpretation Act 1889 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 People's Republic of Bulgaria shall not be entertained by any court in the United Kingdom unless a consular officer of the People's Republic of Bulgaria 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*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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 People's Republic of Bulgaria, 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 Bulgarian consul consents. It gives effect to the relevant provisions of the Consular Convention between the United Kingdom and the People's Republic of Bulgaria which was signed at London on 13th March 1968 (Cmnd. 3920).