



## THE NAVAL ARMAMENTS ACT, 1923



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**SCHEDULE.**  
**[ARTICLES OF TREATY FOR THE LIMITATION OF NAVAL**  
**ARMAMENT.]**

# THE NAVAL ARMAMENT ACT, 1923

## <sup>1</sup>ACT No. VII OF 1923

[5th March, 1923]

### An Act to give effect in <sup>2</sup>[Pakistan] to the Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament.

WHEREAS it is expedient to give effect in <sup>2</sup>[Pakistan] to the <sup>3</sup>[Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament and for the Exchange of Information concerning Naval Construction signed in London on behalf of His Majesty on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1936]; It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title, extent and commencement.**-(1) This Act may be called the <sup>4\*</sup> Naval Armament Act, 1923.

<sup>5</sup>[(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.]

(3) It shall come into force on such date<sup>6</sup> as the <sup>7</sup>[Federal Government] may, by notification in the <sup>8</sup>[official Gazette], appoint.

**2. Definitions.** In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) “competent Court” means the High Court or such other Court having unlimited original civil jurisdiction as the <sup>5</sup>[Federal Government] may declare to be a competent Court for the purposes of this Act ;

(b) “ship” means any boat, vessel, battery or craft, whether wholly or partly constructed, which is intended to float or is capable of floating, on water, and includes all equipment belonging to any ship ; and

<sup>9</sup>[(c) “the Treaty” means the Treaty for the Limitation of Naval Armament and for the Exchange of Information concerning Naval Construction signed in London on behalf of His Majesty on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1936.]

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<sup>1</sup> For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Gazette of India, 1922, Pt. V, p. 348.

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (21 of 1960), s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for “the provinces and the Capital of the Federation” which had been subs. by A. O., 1949, for “British India”.

<sup>3</sup> Subs. by the Indian Naval Armament (Amdt.) Act, 1937 (2 of 1937), s. 2. for the original words as amended by the Indian Naval Armament (Amdt.) Act, 1931 (8 of 1931), s. 2.

<sup>4</sup> The word “Indian” omitted by A.O., 1949.

<sup>5</sup> Sub-section (2) as amended by A.O., 1949, has been subs. by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (21 of 1960), s. 3 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sch. (with effect from the 14<sup>th</sup> October, 1955).

<sup>6</sup> This Act was brought into force on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1923 by Notification No. 49, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1923, see Gen. R & O.

<sup>7</sup> Subs. by F.A.O. 1975, Art. 2 and Table, for “Central Government” which was previously amended by A.O., 1937 for “G.G. in C.”.

<sup>8</sup> Subs. by A.O. 1937 for “Gazette of India”.

<sup>9</sup> Subs. by Act 2 of 1937, s. 3, for the original clause (c).

**3. Restriction on building or equipping vessels of war.** No person shall, except under and in accordance with the conditions of a licence granted under this Act,—

- (a) build any vessel of war, or alter, arm or equip any ship so as to adapt her for use as a vessel of war ; or
- (b) despatch or deliver, or allow to be despatched or delivered, from any place in <sup>1</sup>[Pakistan] any ship which has been, either wholly or partly, built, altered, armed or equipped as a vessel of war in <sup>2</sup>[Pakistan] otherwise than under and in accordance with any law for the time being in force <sup>3</sup>\* \* \*.

**4. Licences.**—(1) A licence under this Act for any of the purposes, specified in section 3 may be granted by the <sup>4</sup>[Federal Government], and shall not be refused unless it appears to the <sup>4</sup>[Federal Government] that such refusal is necessary for the purpose of securing the observance of the obligations imposed by the Treaty; and, where a licence is granted subject to conditions, the conditions shall be such only as the <sup>4</sup>[Federal Government] may think necessary for the purpose aforesaid.

(2) An application for a licence under this section shall be in such form and shall be accompanied by such designs and particulars as the <sup>4</sup>[Federal Government] may, by general or special order, require.

<sup>5</sup>[(3) Any person who, in pursuance of a licence granted under sub-section (1) before the commencement of the Indian Naval Armament (Amendment) Act, 1937, (II of 1937) is engaged in building any vessel of war or in altering, arming or equipping any ship so as to adapt her for use as a vessel of war, or is about to despatch or deliver, or allow to be dispatched or delivered, from any place within <sup>1</sup>[Pakistan] any ship which has been so built, altered, armed or equipped, either entirely or partly, within <sup>1</sup>[Pakistan], shall, upon written demand, furnish to the <sup>4</sup>[Federal Government] such designs and particulars as may be required by the <sup>4</sup>[Federal Government] for the purpose of securing the observance of the obligations imposed by the Treaty.]

**5. Offences against the Act.**—(1) If any person contravenes any of the provisions of section 3 <sup>6</sup>[or fails to comply with the provisions of sub-section (3) of section 4], he shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

(2) Where an offence punishable under sub-section (1) has been committed by a company or corporation, every director and manager of such company or corporation shall be

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<sup>1</sup> Subs. by the Central Laws (Statute Reform) Ordinance, 1960 (21 of 1960), s. 3 and 2nd Sch. (with effect from the 14th October, 1955), for "the provinces and the Capital of the Federation" which had been subs. by A. O., 1949, for "British India".

<sup>2</sup> Subs. by the Federal Laws (Revision and Declaration) Ordinance, 1981 (27 of 1981), s. 3 and Sch. II, for certain words, which were previously amended by various enactments.

<sup>3</sup> The words "in that part or State" omitted. *ibid.*, s. 3 and Sch., II.

<sup>4</sup> Subs. by F.A.O., 1975, Art. 2 and Table, for "Central Government" which was previously amended by A.O., 1937, for "L.G.".

<sup>5</sup> Ins. by the Indian Naval Armament (Amdt.) Act, 1937 (2 of 1937) s. 1.

<sup>6</sup> Ins. *ibid.*, s. 5.