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Make provision to oblige shipping companies, port operators and other bodies to comply with recommendations made in reports of the Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents and of the Marine Accident Investigation Branch; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Duty to comply with recommendations**

(1) The Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations 2005 (SI 2005/881) are amended as follows.

(2) At the end of regulation 18 (penalties) add—

“(4) If any person fails without reasonable cause to comply with any recommendation made in accordance with regulation 15 within 12 months of that recommendation being made, that person shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”.

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**2 Short title and commencement**

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(1) This Act may be cited as the Marine Accident Investigation Branch (Reports) Act 2010.

(2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 14 months beginning with the day on which it is passed.

# Marine Accident Investigation Branch (Reports) Bill

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*Presented by David Cairns.*

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