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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Amendment of Units of Measurement (Nautical Mile) Order 1977

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Laid before the House of Commons 30*th November* 1977

Coming into Operation 1*st January* 1978

The Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 7 of the Finance Act 1977(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Amendment of Units of Measurement (Nautical Mile) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1978.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. In the definition of "nautical mile" in section 307(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 1952(c), for the words "six thousand and eighty feet" there shall be substituted the words "one thousand eight hundred and fifty two metres".

4. This Order does not involve a greater charge to duty or a reduction of any relief, drawback, rebate or allowance.

Donald R. Coleman,
T. M. Cox,
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

22nd November 1977.

(a) 1977 c. 36.
(b) 1889 c. 63.
(c) 1952 c. 44.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the definition of the nautical mile in customs and excise legislation by expressing the unit in metric terms so that, to accord with international usage, it follows the definition of the international nautical mile.

The amendment has no practical effect on revenue or any of the powers exercised by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise.

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