STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 269

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

Made - - - -	*29th February 2016*
Laid before Parliament	*4th March 2016*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2016*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 205(5) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(**a**), makes the following Regulations:

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and come into force on 1st April 2016.

Amendment to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997

2. In paragraph 3(1A) of Part II (scale of payments) of Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997(**b**)—

(a) in paragraph (d), after "2015" insert "and before 1st April 2016"; and

(b) after paragraph (d), add—

"(e) on and after 1st April 2016, 38 pence per ton subject to a maximum charge of £15,200 per voyage.".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Robert Goodwill
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

29th February 2016

(**a**) 1995 c.21.
(**b**) S.I. 1997/562; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2006/649, 2009/1371, 2010/629, 2014/527 and 2015/458.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997 by reducing the rate per ton at which light dues are payable from 39p per ton to 38p per ton and by making a corresponding downward adjustment (£15,200 instead of £15,600) in the maximum amount for any one voyage by a ship which ends at a port or place in the United Kingdom on or after 1st April 2016.

An Explanatory Memorandum for this instrument is available from the Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR and is published alongside these Regulations at http://www.legislation.gov.uk. No impact assessment has been prepared for this instrument which, because it delivers a reduction in the rate of light dues, will reduce the costs of businesses and the voluntary sector.

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