STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 2194

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (No. 2) Order 1975

Laid before Parliament in draft

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Coming into Operation	26*th December* 1975

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 19th day of December 1975

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898**(a)**, and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order shall come into operation seven days after it has been made and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (No. 2) Order 1975.

(2) The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1975**(b)** is hereby revoked.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889**(c)** shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. For the scale of payments relating to the levying of light dues set out in Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1972**(d)** (which, as amended by the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1975, inter alia substituted that scale for the scale of such payments contained in Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898) there shall be substituted the following scale:—

"SCALE OF PAYMENTS

1. Home-trade sailing ships: 45p per 10 tons per voyage.

(a) 1898 c. 44.
(b) S.I. 1975/432 (1975 I, p. 1369)
(c) 1889 c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1972/456 (1972 I, p. 1689).

2. Foreign-going sailing ships: 90p per 10 tons per voyage.

3. Home-trade steamers:

Full rate: 90p per 10 tons per voyage.

Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships): 45p per 10 tons per voyage.

4. Foreign-going steamers:

Full rate: £1·80 per 10 tons per voyage.

Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships): 90p per 10 tons per voyage.

5. In the place of payments per voyage, the following payments:—

(*a*) for pleasure yachts which the general lighthouse authority is satisfied are ordinarily kept or used outside any of the following countries and territories (including the territorial waters adjacent thereto), namely the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Republic of Ireland, a payment in respect of any visit of 45p per 10 tons for every period of 30 days or less comprised in such visit;

(*b*) for tugs and pleasure yachts not included in sub-paragraph (*a*) above, an annual payment of £5·40 per 10 tons."

3. The rules relating to such payments contained in Schedule 2 to the said Act of 1898 (as set out in Schedule 2 to the said Order of 1972) shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in Rule (1) (which provides for certain limits on the obligation to make such payments)—

(i) for the references (in paragraphs (*a*) and (*c*)) to ten voyages there shall be substituted references to twelve voyages,

(ii) for the reference (in paragraph (*c*)) to a voyage and a half there shall be substituted a reference to two voyages and

(iii) in the proviso for "£5·16" and "£4·26" there shall be substituted respectively "£10·80" and "£5·40";

(*b*) in Rule (7), for the words "31p" there shall be substituted the words "45p".

N. E. Leigh.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order provides for an increase in the scale of the light dues payable under the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898, as set out in the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1975. The rate payable by foreign-going steamers is increased by about 40 per cent and the remaining rates are adjusted proportionately.

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