STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 642

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) (Amendment) Regulations 1980

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Coming into Operation	*9th June* 1980

The Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(1) and (4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1965**(a)** and now vested in him**(b)**, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) (Amendment) Regulations 1980 and shall come into operation on 9th June 1980.

2. The Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) (Amendment) Regulations 1975**(c)** shall be amended as follows:—

(*a*) in Regulation 2, before the definition of "the principal Act" there shall be inserted the following definition—

"authorised Classification Society" means Lloyd's Register of Shipping, the British Committee of Bureau Veritas, the British Technical Committee of the American Bureau of Shipping, the British Committee of Det norske Veritas and the British Committee of Germanischer Lloyd (being organisations authorised for the measurement and survey of ships by the Secretary of State);

(*b*) for Regulation 4 there shall be substituted the following—

"4. The measurement and survey of a ship for the purpose of ascertaining its tonnage may be undertaken by a surveyor appointed by an authorised Classification Society instead of by a surveyor of ships.";

(*c*) in Regulation 5, in paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*), for "Lloyd's Register of Shipping" there shall be substituted "an authorised Classification Society";

(*d*) in Regulation 8, for "Lloyd's Register of Shipping" there shall be substituted "an authorised Classification Society".

Norman Tebbit,
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

7th May 1980.

(a) 1965 c. 47. **(b)** S.I. 1970/1537. **(c)** S.I. 1975/594.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

The Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 provide for the measurement and survey of certain ships for the purpose of ascertaining their tonnage, pursuant to section 1(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1965 and the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations 1967 (S.I. 1967/172), to be undertaken by Lloyd's Register of Shipping, as well as by the Department of Trade.

These Regulations amend the 1975 Regulations so as to enable the measurement and survey of any ship for this purpose to be undertaken by Lloyd's Register of Shipping and by four other authorised Classification Societies, namely the British Committee of Bureau Veritas, Det norske Veritas and Germanischer Lloyd, and the British Technical Committee of the American Bureau of Shipping.