STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1983 No. 1340

MERCHANT SHIPPING

PILOTAGE

The Pilotage Commission Provision of Funds Scheme 1983 (Confirmation) Order 1983

Made - - -	1*st September* 1983
Laid before Parliament	9*th September* 1983
Coming into Operation	1*st October* 1983

The Secretary of State for Transport, having considered every statement of objections and of reasons for objections to the Scheme set out in the Schedule hereto given to him in pursuance of section 3(2)(*b*)(iii) of the Pilotage Act 1983(**a**), in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 3(3) of the said Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Pilotage Commission Provision of Funds Scheme 1983 (Confirmation) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1983.

2. The Scheme made by the Pilotage Commission under section 3(1) of the said Act and set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby confirmed.

3. The Pilotage Commission Provision of Funds Scheme 1982 (Confirmation) Order 1982(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Tom King,
Secretary of State for Transport.

1st September 1983.

(**a**) 1983 c.21.

(**b**) S.I. 1982/1212.

THE PILOTAGE COMMISSION

SCHEME UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE PILOTAGE ACT 1983

The Pilotage Commission, in exercise of its powers under Section 3 of the Pilotage Act 1983, hereby makes the following Scheme:—

1. This Scheme may be cited as the Pilotage Commission Provision of Funds Scheme, 1983.

2. In this Scheme:—

"the Act" means the Pilotage Act 1983;

"the Commission" means the Pilotage Commission;

"month" means calendar month;

"operative period" means eighteen months from the date of coming into force of this Scheme;

"relevant receipts" means, in relation to each pilotage authority, all pilotage dues received for the pilotage district or districts for which it is the pilotage authority, excluding charges for the boarding and landing of pilots.

3. Each pilotage authority shall pay to the Commission one half of one per cent of the relevant receipts received from the date of coming into force of this Scheme until 31st December 1983, inclusive, and thereafter one per cent until 31st March 1985. Payments shall be made monthly and payment in respect of any one month's receipts shall be made within the month following.

4.—(1) Each pilotage authority shall furnish the Commission with information reasonably required by the Commission for the purpose of ascertaining or confirming the amount of relevant receipts in any month within the operative period.

(2) If it appears to the Commission that a pilotage authority has failed to furnish it with reliable information as to the relevant receipts in any month within the operative period, it may estimate as best it can the amount of relevant receipts in that month and payment shall be made by the authority on that basis.

5. Pursuant to section 3(1)(*b*) of the Act, a statement prepared by the Commission indicating how the sums payable under this Scheme are related to the Commission's estimates of its expenditure during the operative period shall accompany this Scheme when it is submitted to the Secretary of State and when it is copied to pilotage authorities and any licenced pilot, harbour authority and shipowner in accordance with section 3(2) of the Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

By this Order the Secretary of State confirms a Scheme made by the Pilotage Commission under section 3 of the Pilotage Act 1983 for imposing on pilotage authorities charges to provide funds for the Commission for the purposes mentioned in section 3(1). The Scheme is set out in the Schedule.

The Order revokes the Pilotage Commission Provision of Funds Scheme 1982 (Confirmation) Order 1982, to which was scheduled the text of the previous Scheme.

The Scheme is in a form similar to the previous scheme except that:—

(i) the operative period of the Scheme is extended from twelve months to eighteen months (that is until 31st March 1985);

(ii) the general levy on pilotage receipts is being increased from 0.5% to 1.0% as from 1st January 1984.

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