

1973 No. 964

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**
**The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1973**
*Laid before Parliament in draft*
*Made* - - - - - 24th May 1973

*Coming into Operation* 7th June 1973

*To be laid before Parliament*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of May 1973

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<sup>(a)</sup>, 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 14 days after the making thereof and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1973.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889<sup>(b)</sup> shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. There shall be substituted for the scale of payments relating to light dues contained in Schedule 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1972<sup>(c)</sup> the following scale of payments:—

## SCALE OF PAYMENTS

1. Home-trade sailing ships: 34p per 10 tons per voyage
2. Foreign-going sailing ships: 78p per 10 tons per voyage
3. Home-trade steamers:
  - Full rate: 52p per 10 tons per voyage
  - Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships): 26p per 10 tons per voyage
4. Foreign-going steamers:
  - Full rate: 95p per 10 tons per voyage
  - Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships): 53p per 10 tons per voyage

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<sup>(a)</sup> 1898 c. 44.

<sup>(b)</sup> 1889 c. 63.

<sup>(c)</sup> S.I. 1972/456 (1972 I, p. 1689).

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 34p 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) of this paragraph an annual payment of £4·09 per 10 tons.
3. The rules contained in the said Schedule 2 shall be amended as follows:—
- (a) In the proviso to Rule 1 for “£5·16” and “£4·26” there shall be substituted respectively “£5·70” and “£4·68”.
  - (b) In Rule 7 for “31p” there shall be substituted “34p”.

*W. G. Agnew.*

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order increases the scale of light dues set out in the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1972 by about 10% overall.

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