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MERCHANT SHIPPING

**The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations
2006**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>8th March 2006</i>
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<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2006</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, 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 2006 and come into force on 1st April 2006.

Amendments to the 1997 Regulations

2.—(1) Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997(b) (“the 1997 Regulations”) is amended as follows.

(2) In Part II (Scale of Payments) —

(a) for paragraph 3(1), substitute—

“(1) In respect of ships of all other classes, subject to paragraph (2) below, light dues shall be payable in accordance with paragraph (1A) below in respect of a voyage which ends at a port or place in the United Kingdom.”;

(b) after paragraph 3(1), insert—

“(1A) Subject to a minimum charge of £60 per voyage and to a maximum charge of £12,250 per voyage, the amount of light dues per voyage shall be 35 pence per ton.”; and

(c) in paragraph 3(3), omit “or departs from”.

(3) In Part IV (Description of Vessels Exempt from Lights Dues), omit paragraph (5).

Transitional provision

Nothing in these Regulations affects the operation of paragraphs 3(2) and 3(3) in Part II of Schedule 2 to the 1997 Regulations in relation to a subsequent voyage of a ship if light dues were paid or payable in respect of that ship for a voyage ending no more than one month before 1st April 2006.

(a) 1995 c.21.

(b) S.I. 1997/562; relevant amendments are in S.I. 2002/504 and S.I. 2004/610.

Signed by Authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

8th March 2006

Stephen Ladyman
Minister of State
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/562) . Regulation 2(2)(a) and (c) provide that per voyage payments of general light dues are only to be payable in respect of voyages ending at a port or place in the United Kingdom. Regulation 2(2)(b) reduces the light dues per voyage from 39 to 35 pence per ton. Regulation 2(3) removes the exemption from dues for vessels navigating in ballast. Regulation 3 contains a transitional provision.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business.

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