



# Merchant Shipping Act 1906

## 1906 CHAPTER 48

### PART V

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### **54 Deduction of spaces used for water ballast in ascertaining tonnage**

- (1) For the purpose of enabling spaces used for water ballast to be deducted in ascertaining the register tonnage of a ship, section seventy-nine of the principal Act shall be read as if the words—
  - “(iv) Any space (other than a double bottom) adapted only for water ballast; and were added at the end of paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of that section.”
- (2) For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of a deduction under this section the owner of any existing ship who claims to be entitled to the deduction may apply to the Board of Trade to have the necessary remeasurements of his ship made, and the Board of Trade, on the payment of such fee, not exceeding in any case one-fifth, of the corresponding maximum fee fixed by the Third Schedule to the principal Act, as they may authorise, shall direct those measurements to be made, and the number denoting the register tonnage shall be altered accordingly.