

1970 No. 639

**MERCHANT SHIPPING****The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1970***Laid before Parliament in draft**Made* - - - 28th April 1970*Laid before Parliament* 30th April 1970*Coming into Operation* 1st May 1970

At the Court of Saint James, the 28th day of April 1970

Present,

**Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother****His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales**

Lord President

Lord Brown

Sir Elwyn Jones

Mr. Hughes

Whereas Her Majesty, in pursuance of the Regency Acts 1937 to 1953, was pleased, by Letters Patent dated the 27th day of February 1970, to delegate to the following Counsellors of State (subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned) or any two or more of them, that is to say, His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester and His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester, full power and authority during the period of Her Majesty's absence from the United Kingdom to summon and hold on Her Majesty's behalf Her Privy Council and to signify thereat Her Majesty's approval for anything for which Her Majesty's approval in Council is required :

And whereas Her Majesty was further pleased to except from the number of the said Counsellors of State His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, and His Royal Highness Prince William of Gloucester while absent from the United Kingdom :

Now, therefore, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and His Royal Highness The Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, being authorised thereto by the said Letters Patent, and in pursuance of the powers conferred on Her Majesty by section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine

Fund) Act 1898(a) and all other powers enabling Her Majesty. do hereby, by and with the advice of Her Majesty's Privy Council, on Her Majesty's behalf order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows :

1.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on 1st May 1970 and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1970.

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

2. For paragraph 3 of the scale of payments relating to the levying of light dues contained in Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898, as altered (c), there shall be substituted the following :—

“3. Home-trade steamers :

*Full Rate* : 9·45d. per ton per voyage,

*Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships as defined in paragraph 4) :*  
4·8d. per ton per voyage.”.

*N. E. Leigh.*

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order reduces from 9·45d. to 4·8d. per ton per voyage the light dues payable by a home-trade steamer calling at one or more ports in the United Kingdom and other specified territories for the sole purpose of disembarking passengers for visits ashore and for subsequent re-embarkation.

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(a) 1898 c. 44.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1953/392; 1969/386 (1953 I, p. 1065; 1969 I, p. 1067).

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