

**2004 No. 610**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations  
2004**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>8th March 2004</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>11 th March 2004</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st April 2004</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 205(5) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 (a) hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 and shall come into force on 1st April 2004.

**Amendment of the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997**

2. For paragraph 3(1) of Part II of Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997 (b) there shall be substituted the following—

“(1) In respect of ships of all other classes, subject to a minimum charge of £60 per voyage, to a maximum charge of £13, 650 per voyage and to paragraph (2) below, the amount of light dues per voyage shall be 39 pence per ton.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

8th March 2004

*David Jamieson*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

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(a) 1995 c.21.

(b) S.I. 1997/562; the relevant amendment is in S.I. 2002/504.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997.

The Regulations reduce the amount of light dues payable per voyage in respect of ships other than tugs, fishing vessels and pleasure vessels from 40 pence to 39 pence per ton. They further provide for the maximum amount for such light dues to be reduced from £16,000 to £13,650 per voyage.

The new rates will mean a reduction in costs for shipping operators who pay light dues.

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

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