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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 543**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2017**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>5th April 2017</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>7th April 2017</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st May 2017</i>

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 205(5) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995<sup>(1)</sup>, makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 1st May 2017.

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

2. In paragraph 3(1A)(2) of Part II (scale of payments) of Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997<sup>(3)</sup>—

(a) in paragraph (e)<sup>(4)</sup>, after “2016” insert “and before 1st May 2017”; and

(b) at the end of paragraph (e), insert—

“(f) on or after 1st May 2017, 37 and a half pence per ton subject to a maximum charge of £15,000 per voyage”.

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(1) 1995 c.21.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1A) of paragraph 3 was substituted by S.I. 2009/1371 regulations 2(1) and (2), in place of the sub-paragraph inserted by S.I. 2006/649 regulations 2(1) and 2(2)(b).

(3) S.I. 1997/562; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2006/649, 2009/1371, 2010/629, 2014/527, 2015/458 and 2016/269.

(4) Paragraph (e) was added by S.I. 2016/269, regulation 2(b).

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

5th April 2017

*Ahmad of Wimbledon*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997 by reducing the rate per ton at which light dues are payable from 38 pence per ton to 37 and a half pence per ton and by making a corresponding downward adjustment (£15,000 instead of £15,200) to the maximum amount for any one voyage by a ship where that voyage ends at a port or place in the United Kingdom on or after 1st May 2017.

An Explanatory Memorandum for this instrument is published alongside these Regulations at [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). No impact assessment has been prepared for this instrument which, because it delivers a reduction in the rate of light dues, will reduce the costs of businesses and the voluntary sector.