

## 1968 No. 580

## MERCHANT SHIPPING

## The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1968

*Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - 8th April 1968**Laid before Parliament 17th April 1968**Coming into Operation 22nd April 1968*

At the Court at Windsor Castle, the 8th day of April 1968

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898(a), and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The scale of payments and rules relating to the levying of light dues contained in Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898, as altered (b), shall be further altered as follows:—

- (a) for the scale of payments set out therein there shall be substituted the scale set out in the Schedule to this Order;
- (b) in the proviso to Rule 1 for "one shilling and fourpence half-penny" and "one shilling and a penny half-penny" there shall be substituted respectively "7s. 2.625d." and "5s. 10.875d."; and
- (c) in the proviso to Rule 7 for "one penny" there shall be substituted "5.25d."

2. The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1965(c) and Article 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1953(d) are hereby revoked.

3.—(1) The Interpretation Act 1889(e) shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Order and the part of an Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

(2) This Order shall come into operation at the expiration of 14 days from the date hereof and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1968.

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(a) 1898 c. 44. (b) S.I. 1953/392; 1965/318 (1953 I, p. 1065; 1965 I, p. 783).  
 (c) S.I. 1965/318 (1965 I, p. 783). (d) S.I. 1953/392 (1953 I, p. 1065). (e) 1889 c. 63.

**SCHEDULE**  
**SCALE OF PAYMENTS**

*(Substituted for the scale set out in Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping  
(Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898)*

1. Home-trade sailing ships: 5.25d. per ton per voyage.
2. Foreign-going sailing ships: 11.8125d. per ton per voyage.
3. Home-trade steamers: 7.875d. per ton per voyage.
4. Foreign-going steamers:

*Full rate: 1s. 2.4375d. per ton per voyage.*

*Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships): 8d. per ton per voyage.*

A ship shall be treated as a visiting cruise ship if and only if it makes a call at one or more ports in the United Kingdom, Isle of Man or Republic of Ireland for the purpose of disembarking passengers for a visit ashore and for subsequent re-embarkation (whether or not at the same port) and at no time during that cruise does the ship—

- (a) embark or disembark any other passengers; or
  - (b) load or discharge any cargo or mails—
- at any such port.

5. In the place of payments per voyage, the following payments:—

- (a) for pleasure yachts which the general lighthouse authority is satisfied are ordinarily kept or used outside any of the following countries and territories (including the territorial waters adjacent thereto), namely the United Kingdom, Isle of Man, Republic of Ireland, a payment in respect of any visit of 5.25d. per ton for every period of 30 days or less comprised in such visit;
- (b) for tugs and pleasure yachts not included in sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph an annual payment of 5s. 3d. per ton.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order consolidates the scale of light dues at present in force under section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898. It reduces from 1s. 2.4375d. to 8d. per ton per voyage the dues payable by a foreign-going 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.