
 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1969 No. 386

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1969

*Laid before Parliament in draft**Made - - - - - 18th March 1969**Laid before Parliament 24th March 1969**Coming into Operation 1st April 1969*

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of March 1969

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.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st April 1969 and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1969.

(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 and as if this Order and the Order hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

2. 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^(c), 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 “7s. 2·625d.” and “5s. 10·875d.” there shall be substituted respectively “8s. 7·95d.” and “7s. 1·05d.”; and

(c) in the proviso to Rule 7 for “5·25d.” there shall be substituted “6·3d.”

3. The following shall be added to the exemptions set out in the said Schedule 2:—

“Dredgers and hoppers for the time being employed solely in dredging channels or deepening water for or on behalf of a harbour authority or a conservancy authority, within the area in which that authority has jurisdiction, or in disposing within or without such area, otherwise than by way of sale or exchange, of the spoil from such operations.”

4. The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1968^(d) is hereby revoked.

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(a) 1898 c. 44.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1953/392, 1968/580 (1953 I, p. 1065; 1968 I, p. 1347).

(d) S.I. 1968/580 (1968 I, p. 1347).

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: 6·3d. per ton per voyage.
2. Foreign-going sailing ships: 1s. 2·175d. per ton per voyage.
3. Home-trade steamers: 9·45d. per ton per voyage.
4. Foreign-going steamers:

Full rate: 1s. 5·325d. per ton per voyage.

Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships): 9·6d. 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 6·3d. 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 6s. 3·6d. per ton.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Order increases by 20 per cent. the scale of light dues set out in the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1968.

The Order also exempts from light dues dredgers and hoppers when employed solely in dredging channels or deepening water for or on behalf of a harbour or conservancy authority or in disposing of the spoil otherwise than by sale or exchange.