

**1975 No. 432**
**MERCHANT SHIPPING**
**The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1975**

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>18th March 1975</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>25th March 1975</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st April 1975</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 18th day of March 1975

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 1st April 1975 and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1975.

(2) The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1973(b) and the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1974(c) are hereby revoked.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(d) 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 Orders hereby revoked were Acts of Parliament.

**2.** For the scale of payments relating to the levying of light dues set out in Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Order 1972(e) (which, inter alia, substituted that scale for the scale of such payments contained in Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898) there shall be substituted the following scale:—

(a) 1898 c. 44.

(c) S.I. 1974/868 (1974 I, p. 3332).

(e) S.I. 1972/456 (1972 I, p. 1689).

(b) S.I. 1973/964 (1973 II, p. 2902).

(d) 1889 c. 63.

“SCALE OF PAYMENTS

1. Home-trade sailing ships: 32p per 10 tons per voyage.
2. Foreign-going sailing ships: 64p per 10 tons per voyage.
3. Home-trade steamers:
  - Full rate: 64p per 10 tons per voyage.
  - Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships): 32p per 10 tons per voyage.
4. Foreign-going steamers:
  - Full rate: £1.28 per 10 tons per voyage.
  - Reduced rate (visiting cruise ships): 64p per 10 tons per voyage.
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 32p per 10 tons for every period of 30 days or less comprised in such visit;
  - (b) for tugs and pleasure yachts not included in sub-paragraph (a) above an annual payment of £3.84 per 10 tons”.

3. The rules relating to such payments contained in Schedule 2 to the said Act of 1898 (as set out in Schedule 2 to the said Order of 1972) shall be amended as follows:—

- (a) in Rule (1) (which provides for certain limits on the obligation to make such payments)—
  - (i) for the references (in paragraphs (a) and (c)) to ten voyages there shall be substituted references to twelve voyages, and
  - (ii) for the reference (in paragraph (c)) to a voyage and a half there shall be substituted a reference to two voyages, and
  - (iii) in the proviso for “£5.16” and “£4.26” there shall be substituted respectively “£7.68” and “£3.84”.
- (b) in Rule (7), for the words “31p” there shall be substituted the words “32p.”

*N. E. Leigh*

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides for an increase in the scale of the light dues payable under the Merchant Shipping (Mercantile Marine Fund) Act 1898. The rate payable by foreign-going steamers is increased by about 23% and the remaining rates are adjusted proportionately. The maximum number of voyages in any year in respect of which light dues are payable by certain ships is increased from ten to twelve.



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