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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations revoke the Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 1987, as amended.

The Regulations prescribe changes in some of the rates charged by the Department of Transport as fees for marine services. Fees for marine surveys are reduced by approximately 8.5 per cent. Fees for marine examinations (Part IV), issue of certificate of registration on the Small Ships Register, to register a submersible craft, for supplying copies of documents and for the issue of seamen's documents by the Department's Marine Offices are unchanged. Fees for the issue of seamen's documents by the Register and Records of Shipping and Seamen at Cardiff are increased by approximately 10 per cent.

Fees for radio surveys are increased by 2 per cent and for the survey of fishing vessels by approximately 21.5 per cent. The remaining fees for miscellaneous marine services are increased by approximately 4 per cent.

The Regulations also clarify arrangements for payment of fees on application for marine services.