EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order applies the Merchant Shipping (Load Lines) Act 1967 to certain classes of unregistered British ships as if they were ships registered in the United Kingdom. This has the effect, in particular, of enabling the Secretary of State for Transport to exempt in certain cases such ships from all of the provisions of the Act and of the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Rules 1968, or from such provisions of the Act and Rules as may be specified in a Load Line Exemption Certificate.