EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution by Garbage) Order 1988 so as to enable regulations to be made to give effect to amendments to the Annex to the 1978 Protocol relating to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973 adopted by the Marine Environment Protection Committee ("MEPC") of the International Maritime Organization ("IMO") on 16th November 1990 (at its 30th Session) and 4th July 1991 (at its 31st Session).

The amendments adopted by the MEPC (which have the effect of amending Annex V (Regulations for the Prevention of Pollution by Garbage from Ships) to the Convention) are set out in Annex 2 to Resolution MEPC 42(30) and in the Annex to Resolution MEPC Resolution 48(31), copies of which may be obtained from IMO, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR.