## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Load Line) Regulations 1998 ("the 1998 Regulations") to incorporate the amendments made to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 by the Protocol of 1988 relating to the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966. The Protocol was adopted by the International Maritime Organization on 11th November 1988.

2. These Regulations also correct minor errors in the 1998 Regulations.

**3.** Copies of the International Convention on Load Lines, 1966 and of the Protocol of 1988 may be obtained from the International Maritime Organization, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR. Merchant Shipping Notices may be obtained from Eros Marketing Support Services, Unit B, Imber Court Trading Estate, Orchard Lane, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0BN (telephone number 020 8957 5028).