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MERCHANT SHIPPING

**The Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations
2023**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>8th March 2023</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th March 2023</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2023</i>

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 205(5) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(a).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 and come into force on 1st April 2023.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Amendment to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997

2. In paragraph 3(1A)(h)(b) of Part II (scale of payments) of Schedule 2 to the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997(c)—

(a) after “2022” insert “and before 1st April 2023”; and

(b) after “voyage” insert—

“;

(i) on or after 1st April 2023, 45 pence per ton subject to a maximum charge of £18,000 per voyage”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

8th March 2023

Vere
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

(a) 1995 c. 21.

(b) Sub-paragraph (1A) of paragraph 3 was substituted by S.I. 2009/1371 in place of the sub-paragraph inserted by S.I. 2006/649. Paragraph (h) was added by S.I. 2022/240.

(c) S.I. 1997/562; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2006/649, 2009/1371, 2010/629, 2014/527, 2015/458, 2016/269, 2017/543, 2021/280 and 2022/240.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) Regulations 1997 (S.I. 1997/562) by increasing the rate per ton at which light dues are payable from 41 pence per ton to 45 pence per ton and by making a corresponding upward adjustment (from £16,400 to £18,000) to the maximum amount for any one voyage by a ship where that voyage ends at a port or place in the United Kingdom on or after 1st April 2023.

An Explanatory Memorandum for this instrument is published alongside these Regulations at www.legislation.gov.uk. A full regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared for these amendments because they vary the charges with respect to light dues and such charges are not included as a “regulatory provision” for the purposes of section 22(4)(a)(i) of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (c. 26).

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