

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Shipping  
and Aviation Support

Subject - Navigation Act 1912

Navigation (Coasting Trade) Regulations (Amendment)  
Navigation (Compass) Regulations (Amendment)  
Navigation (Construction) Regulations (Amendment)  
Navigation (Deck Cargo) Regulations (Amendment)  
Navigation (Tonnage Measurement) Regulations (Amendment)

Subsection 425(1) of the **Navigation Act 1912** (the Act) provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of the Act and in particular prescribing matters providing for and in relation to the fixing of fees to be paid in respect of any matters under the Act.

Generally, fees payable under the Act for services provided under the Act were last adjusted in January 1990. Fees payable under the Act for services specified in the Navigation (Construction) Regulations and the Navigation (Deck Cargo) Regulations were last adjusted in October 1988.

In accordance with the Government's policy of cost recovery in relation to those services it is necessary to amend the abovementioned Regulations to meet cost increases since the last adjustment.

Details of the amending Regulations are given in the following Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Navigation (Coasting Trade) Regulations (Amendment)  
Attachment 2 - Navigation (Compass) Regulations (Amendment)  
Attachment 3 - Navigation (Construction) Regulations (Amendment)  
Attachment 4 - Navigation (Deck Cargo) Regulations (Amendment)  
Attachment 5 - Navigation (Tonnage Measurement) Regulations  
(Amendment).

S/R NQ.

#### **Attachment 4**

Navigation (Deck Cargo) Regulations (Amendment!

The amending Regulations amend the Navigation (Deck Cargo) Regulations as follows:

Regulation 1 provides that the Regulations come into operation on 15 October 1990.

Regulation 2 amends the existing Regulations by increasing fees for services in relation to inspecting the loading of deck cargo on ships by 36 per cent. The new fees are based on the average number of hours taken to perform a service, at an hourly rate of \$132.