THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 199 of the Merchant Shipping Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Seafarer’s Welfare Fund) (Amendment) Regulations 2005.

2. In these regulations -

"principal regulations" means the Merchant Shipping (Seafarer's Welfare Fund) Regulations 2002.

3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended -

(a) by deleting the definition of "seafarer", and replacing it by the following definition -

"seafarer" means -

(a) (i) any person who is employed in any capacity on board a seagoing ship, whether publicly or privately owned, other than a ship of war; and

(ii) includes an apprentice and active seamen who are registered; but

(iii) does not include any person engaged solely for fishing purposes;

(b) a retired seaman;

(b) by adding the following new definition in the appropriate alphabetical order -

"family" means the spouse, the dependent children, the mother and the father of a seaman;

4. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations is amended in paragraphs (b) and (f), by adding immediately after the word "seafarers" the words "and their families'".

5. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is amended -

(a) in paragraph (a), by deleting the word "and";
(b) in paragraph (b), by deleting the full stop and replacing it by the words "and";

(c) by adding immediately after paragraph (b) the following new paragraph -

(c) invest any of its surplus money in such manner as the Minister of Finance may approve.

Made by the Minister on 21st December 2005.