

MERCHANT SHIPPING REGISTRATION ACT 1991

MERCHANT SHIPPING (RELEVANT COUNTRIES) (HONG KONG) REGULATIONS 1997

Approved by Tynwald : 16th July 1997

Coming into operation : 1st July 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Transport by section 45(1)(e) and (2), and 76(1), of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991 ^(a), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Secretary of State, the following Regulations are hereby made:-

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Relevant Countries) (Hong Kong) Regulations 1997.

(2) Subject to section 76(4) of the Act, these Regulations shall come into operation on 1st July, 1997.

(3) In these Regulations, “the Act” means the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991.

Relevant Countries

2. Hong Kong is prescribed as a relevant country for section 2(1)(f) of the Act but only for the purpose of treating a body corporate which was the owner of a Manx ship immediately before the 1st July 1997, as a person qualified to be the owner of that ship.

MADE 18th. June, 1997

Hon. J. A. Brown, M.H.K.

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT.

(a) 1991 c. 15

EXPLANTORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Section 45(1)(e) of the Merchant Shipping Registration Act 1991 enables the Department of Transport, after consulting the Secretary of State, to prescribe countries as “relevant countries” for the purpose of determining in section 2 of the 1991 Act who is qualified to own a Manx ship.

These Regulations prescribe Hong Kong for the purpose of treating existing Hong Kong companies which own ships on the Manx register immediately before the 1st July 1997 as continuing to be qualified to register those ships in the Island.