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AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE  
The 21st day of May, 1947.

Present

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS by subsection (1) of Section 80 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, it is provided that His Majesty may, by Order in Council, make regulations with respect to the manner in which Government ships may be registered as British ships for the purpose of the Merchant Shipping Acts, and those Acts, subject to any exceptions and modifications which may be made by Order in Council, either generally or as respects any special class of Government ships, shall apply to Government ships registered in accordance with those regulations as if they were registered in manner provided by those Acts:

AND WHEREAS on the 14th day of July, 1921(a), an Order in Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Order") was made under the said Section as regards Government ships in the service of the Board of Trade, and references in the Principal Order to the Board of Trade are now by virtue of the Minister of Shipping (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1939(b), the Ministers of the Crown (Minister of War Transport) Order, 1941(c), and the Ministry of War Transport (Dissolution) Order, 1946(d), to be construed as references to the Minister of Transport.

AND WHEREAS on the 25th day of February, 1944, the Principal Order was amended by the Registration of Government Ships (Minister of War Transport) Order, 1944(e), and the Registration of Government Ships (Minister of War Transport) (No. 2) Order, 1944(f), (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the amending Orders"):

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the amending Orders should be revoked:

AND WHEREAS the provisions of Section I of the Rules Publication Act, 1893, have been complied with:

NOW, THEREFORE, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers in this behalf by Section 80 of the

Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, in Him vested and of all other powers enabling Him in this behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. The amending Orders are hereby revoked.
2. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.
3. This Order may be cited as the Registration of Government Ships (Revocation) Order, 1947.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE.

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport).

The Registration of Government Ships (Minister of War Transport) Order, 1944, permitted Government ships in the service of the Minister of Transport registered as British ships for the purpose of the Merchant Shipping Acts, which were foreign ships immediately before they became Government ships and were for the time being wholly or mainly manned by nationals of the foreign countries to which they respectively belonged immediately before they became Government ships, to hoist the national colours of their respective foreign countries in lieu of British national colours. The Order is no longer required and is accordingly revoked.

Section 15 of the Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Act, 1941 (4 & 5 Geo. 6. c. 21) provides that where any British ship is to be wholly or mainly manned by nationals of any Power the Minister of Transport may by Order direct that, for the purposes of all or any of the provisions of the said Act, that ship shall be treated as if she were a ship of that Power. The Registration of Government Ships (Minister of War Transport) (No. 2) Order, 1944, exempted any Government ship in the service of the Minister of Transport registered as a British ship for the purpose of the Merchant Shipping Acts and directed by any order of the Minister made under Section 15 of the said Act to be treated as a ship of any Power from compliance with certain provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts, e.g., provisions relating to national character and flag, agreements with the crew, wages, property of deceased seamen, discipline, official logs and the like. The Allied Powers (Maritime Courts) Act, 1941, has now expired and the Order is accordingly formally revoked.

- (a) S.R. & O. 1921 (No. 1211) p. 544.  
 (b) S.R. & O. 1939 (No. 1470) II, p. 3051.  
 (c) S.R. & O. 1941 (No. 654) I, p. 1221.  
 (d) S.R. & O. 1946 No. 375.  
 (e) S.R. & O. 1944 No. 189.  
 (f) S.R. & O. 1944 No. 190.