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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

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### MERCHANT SHIPPING.

#### LOAD LINE CONVENTION.

The Merchant Shipping (Load Line Convention) (Venezuela) Order, 1955.

Made - - - - - 30th June, 1955

Laid before Parliament 5th July, 1955

Coming into Operation upon the date of publication in the London Gazette, 8th July, 1955.

At the Court at Holyroodhouse, the 30th day of June, 1955.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by Section 65 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932, 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 9, it is enacted that Her Majesty, if satisfied that the government of any country has acceded to the Load Line Convention, may, by Order in Council, make a declaration to that effect:

And Whereas Her Majesty is satisfied that the Government of the Republic of Venezuela has acceded to the Load Line Convention:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in Her by the aforesaid Section and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order and doth hereby order as follows:—

1. It is hereby declared that the Government of the Republic of Venezuela has acceded to the Load Line Convention.

2. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Load Line Convention) (Venezuela) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation upon the date of its publication in the London Gazette.

W. G. Agnew.

At the Court at Holyroodhouse, the 30th day of June, 1955.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, dated the 20th day of June, 1955 (N.P.4542/54), in the words following, viz.:—

"Whereas by Section 3 of the Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions Act, 1865, it is enacted, *inter alia*, that all pay, pensions or other allowances in the nature thereof, payable in respect of services in Your Majesty's Naval or Marine Force to a person being or having been an Officer, Seaman or Marine

therein, shall be paid in such manner and subject to such restrictions, conditions and provisions as are from time to time directed by Order in Council:

"2. And whereas by Order in Council dated the 24th day of February, 1948, sanction was given, *inter alia*, to certain scales of pensions and gratuities to Native Petty Officers and Men other than Europeans (whether or not British Subjects), who consequent on wounds, hurts or disability, are invalidated from Your Majesty's Naval Service, and to the grant at our discretion of certain scales of compensation in respect of the death of such Native ratings:

"3. And whereas we are of opinion that these scales of compensation require amendment in certain respect:

"4. We beg humbly to recommend that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased, by Order in Council, to sanction from the 1st February, 1955, the substitution of the Schedule hereto annexed, for the Schedule annexed to Order in Council of 24th February, 1948.

"5. The Lords Commissioners of Your Majesty's Treasury have signified their concurrence in this proposal.

#### " SCHEDULE.

"1. The provisions of this Schedule are effective from 1st February, 1955, and are to apply, except where otherwise stated, to all Native ratings of the Royal Navy.

#### " SECTION A.

"Disablement Pensions and Gratuities Allowable for Attributable Invaliding.

"(a) Where the degree of disablement is assessed at 20 per cent and upwards the invalid may be awarded a pension, either temporarily or permanently according to the circumstances of the case, on the basis of a maximum scale of 33s. 9d. a week for Petty Officers, 32s. 6d. a week for Leading Ratings and 31s. 3d. a week for Lower Ratings for total disablement (100%); lower degrees of disablement carrying proportionately reduced rates.

"(b) If the degree of disablement be assessed at less than 20 per cent, a gratuity may be awarded appropriate to the degree of disability, but not exceeding £50.

"(c) The award of disablement compensation to be subject to the same conditions as for Naval ratings generally.

#### " SECTION B.

"Compensation in respect of Death Attributable to Service.

"Provided the conditions as regards relationship, ages and dependency are satisfied, a gratuity not exceeding the amount of two years' pay attaching to the substantive rating and any Good Conduct badges held at the date of his death, subject to a maximum of £150, assessed under normal conditions, may be granted, at our discretion, to dependent relatives of a deceased rating whose death is certified