

And whereas the Board of Trade have certified that provision has been made by the law in force in Finland for the fixing, marking, and certifying of load-lines on Finnish ships of the class or description specified in the Schedule hereto, and that it has been agreed that provision shall be so made for recognizing United Kingdom load-line certificates as having the same effect in Finnish ports as certificates issued under the said first-mentioned provision, and, further, that the said first-mentioned provision is based on the same principles as the corresponding provisions of Part II of the Act and is equally effective :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in him by section 59 of the Act, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to direct, and doth hereby direct, as follows :—

1. Load-line certificates issued in respect of Finnish ships of the class or description specified in the Schedule hereto in pursuance of the aforesaid provision for the fixing, marking, and certifying of load-lines shall have the same effect for the purpose of Part II of the Act as United Kingdom load-line certificates.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889 (52 & 53, Vict., c. 63), 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 Merchant Shipping (Finnish Load-line Certificates) Order, 1935.

E. C. E. LEADBITTER.

#### SCHEDULE.

1. Ships of 150 tons gross tonnage or upwards which do not carry cargo or passengers.
2. Ships of less than 150 tons gross tonnage.

*Load-line Certificates issued by the German Government to German Ships.*

Marine Department,  
Wellington, 7th November, 1935.

THE following despatch and its enclosures received from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs are published for general information.

JOHN G. COBBE, Minister of Marine.

NEW ZEALAND.  
Circular despatch B. No. 122.

Downing Street,  
24th September, 1935.

MY LORD, —

With reference to my Circular despatch B. No 54 of the 12th May, 1934, I have the honour to state that, by an exchange of notes at Berlin on the 7th June, an agreement has been concluded between His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom and the German Government for the reciprocal recognition of load-line certificates which have been or may be issued by either country to ships to which the International Load-line Convention, 1930, does not apply. Copies of Statutory Rules and Orders No. 851 containing the text of an Order in Council which was issued on the 13th August are enclosed.

I have, &c.,

J. H. THOMAS.

Governor-General His Excellency Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Honourable Viscount Galway, G.C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., &c.

*Statutory Rules and Orders, 1935, No. 851.*

#### MERCHANT SHIPPING LOAD-LINE.

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (GERMAN LOAD-LINE CERTIFICATES) ORDER, 1935.

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 13th day of August, 1935.

Present :

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by section 445 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (57 & 58 Vict., c. 60) (hereinafter called "the principal Act"), it was enacted that where the Board of Trade certify that the laws and regulations for the time being in force in any foreign country and relating to overloading and improper loading are equally effective with the provisions of the principal Act relating thereto His Majesty in Council may direct that on proof of a ship of that country having complied with those

laws and regulations she shall not when in a port of the United Kingdom be liable to detention for non-compliance with the said provisions of the principal Act nor shall there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions :

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 21st day of November, 1908 (S.R. & O. 1908 (No. 1143), p. 646), after reciting that the Board of Trade had certified that certain statutory regulations which had been approved by the German Government relating to overloading so far as regards the assignment of load-lines to German ships were equally effective with the corresponding regulations in force in the United Kingdom respecting the assignment of load-lines to British merchant ships it was directed that on proof that German ships had complied with the aforesaid German regulations such ships should not, when in ports of the United Kingdom, be liable to detention for non-compliance with the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts relating to overloading, nor should there arise any liability to any fine or penalty which would otherwise arise for non-compliance with those provisions :

And whereas by subsection (2) of section 67 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load-line Conventions) Act, 1932 (hereinafter called "the Act"), it was amongst other things enacted that section 445 of the principal Act should be repealed as from the appointed day subject to a proviso that any Order in Council in force immediately before the appointed day under section 444 or section 445 of the principal Act should, until revoked, continue to have effect as if for references in the Order to Part V of the principal Act or to the provisions of the principal Act relating to overloading or improper loading, as the case might be, there were substituted references to Part II of the Act so however that no such Order should continue to have effect with respect to Load-line Convention ships plying on international voyages :

And whereas by subsection (3) of section 67 of the Act it was enacted that for the purpose of the section the expression "the appointed day" meant such day as His Majesty in Council might appoint :

And whereas by an Order in Council dated the 10th day of November, 1932 (S.R. & O. 1932 (No. 917), p. 929) His Majesty appointed the 1st day of January, 1933, as the date on which Part II of the Act should come into operation :

And whereas by section 738 of the principal Act it is amongst other things provided that where His Majesty has power under that Act to make an Order in Council His Majesty may from time to time by Order in Council revoke any Order so made :

And whereas it is expedient that the said recited Order in Council of the 21st day of November, 1908, should be revoked :

And whereas by subsection (2) of section 59 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load-line Conventions) Act, 1932, it is amongst other things enacted subject to the proviso that no Order in Council made under the subsection shall apply to Load-line Convention ships plying on international voyages, that where the Board of Trade certify that provision has been made for the fixing, marking, and certifying of load-lines by the law in force in any foreign country with respect to ships (or any class or description of ships) of that country and has also been so made (or has been agreed to be so made) for recognizing United Kingdom load-line certificates as having the same effect in ports of that country as certificates issued under the said provision ; and that the said provision for the fixing, marking, and certifying of load-lines is based on the same principles as the corresponding provisions of Part II of the Act and is equally effective, His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that load-line certificates issued in pursuance of the said provision in respect of ships (or that class or description of ships) of that foreign country shall have the same effect for the purpose of Part II of the Act as United Kingdom load-line certificates :

And whereas the Board of Trade have certified that provision has been made by the law in force in Germany for the fixing, marking, and certifying of load-lines on German ships of the class or description specified in the Schedule hereto, and that it has been agreed that provision shall be so made for recognizing United Kingdom load-line certificates as having the same effect in German ports as certificates issued under the said first-mentioned provision, and, further, that the said first-mentioned provision is based on the same principles as the corresponding provisions of Part II of the Act and is equally effective :

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in him by section 59 of the Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, by and with the advice of his Privy Council, is pleased to direct, and doth hereby direct as follows :—

1. The aforesaid Order in Council dated the 21st November, 1908, is hereby revoked.