STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1954

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The Carriage of Goods by Sea (Hong Kong) (Amendment) Order 1980

Made - - - - 17*th December* 1980

Coming into Operation 1*st February* 1981

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 17th day of December 1980
Present,
The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 4 of the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971(**a**) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Carriage of Goods by Sea (Hong Kong) (Amendment) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st February 1981.

2. The Carriage of Goods by Sea (Hong Kong) Order 1980(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Order") shall have effect subject to the amendment specified in Article 3 below.

3. In section 1 (2) of the Schedule to the principal Order, after the word "law" there shall be added the following:—

"save that, for the definition of the term 'ship' in Article 1 (d) of the said Schedule, there shall be substituted the following:—

" 'Ship' means any vessel used for the carriage of goods by sea except any vessel regularly employed in trading, or going, within the river trade limits, and to which Part IV of the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance (Laws of Hong Kong Revised Ed. 1978,Cap. 313) applies".".

N.E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

(**a**) 1971 c.19. (**b**) S.I. 1980/1508.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

The Carriage of Goods by Sea (Hong Kong) Order 1980 extended to Hong Kong, with the necessary adaptations, the Carriage of Goods by Sea Act 1971, which gives effect to the International Convention for the Unification of certain Rules of Law relating to Bills of Lading ("the Hague Rules") signed at Brussels on 25th August 1924 (Cmnd. 3806), as amended by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 23rd February 1968 (Cmnd. 6944). This Order amends the principal Order by adapting the meaning of the term "ship", so as to exclude from the scope of the Hague Rules in their application to Hong Kong the lading systems of junks and lorchas plying between Hong Kong and the mainland.

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