

Marine Navigation Levy Regulations 1991 No. 153

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

STATUTORY RULES 1991 No. 153

Issued by the Authority of the Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support

Subject - Marine Navigation Levy Regulations

The *Marine Navigation Levy Act 1989* (the Act), and the *Marine Navigation Levy Collection Act 1989* (the Levy Collection Act), provide respectively for the imposition and collection of a levy on commercial ships to for the purpose of funding navigational services provided by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

Briefly, a ship trading between Australian ports is liable to pay the levy each quarter, whilst a ship arriving in Australia or departing from Australia to an overseas port is liable to pay the levy on its arrival or departure respectively. The levy cannot be charged more than four times in a twelve month period.

Section 8(1) of the Act provides that the Governor-General may make regulations for the purposes of prescribing the amount of levy payable. The Regulations have prescribed the new amounts of levy payable. The new amounts of levy payable represent reductions in the levy of up to 4 cents per ton for individual ships.

Details of the Regulations are:

Regulation 1 provides that the regulations are cited as the Marine Navigation Levy Regulations.

Regulation 2 provides that these regulations will be effective from 1 July 1991.

Regulation 3 defines the Act for the purposes of these regulations as the *Marine Navigation Levy Act 1989*.

Regulation 4 prescribes the new rates of levy as:

(a)For each of the first 5,000 tons of the ship's tonnage	59
	cents
(b)For each ton by which the ship's tonnage is more than 5,000 tons but not more than 20,000 tons	50
	cents
(c)For each ton by which the ship's tonnage is more than 20,000 tons but not more than 50,000 tons	40
	cents
(d)For each ton by which the ship's tonnage is more than 50,000 tons	31
	cents