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2000, No. 20

An Act to amend the Cook Islands Shipping Licence Ordinance 1963 to achieve the better rationalization and utilization of ships engaged in the carriage of cargo to and from the Cook Islands

(1<sup>st</sup> December 2000)

1. Short Title and Commencement - (1) This Act may be cited as the Cook Islands Shipping Licence Ordinance Amendment Act 2000 and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Cook Islands Shipping Licence Ordinance 1963 (the principal Act).

(2) This Act shall come into force on a date to be determined by the Queen's Representative by Order in Executive Council.

2. Interpretation - Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting in alphabetical order the following definition –

“shipper” means a person who engages in the business of the carriage and transportation of goods by sea for profit and includes any class, group or association of “shippers,”

3. Minister to approve shipper - The principal Act is amended by inserting after the section 12 the following section –

“12A. Minister to approve shipper - (1) No person shall be engaged as a shipper of goods between –

- (a) any port beyond the Cook Islands to any port within the Cook Islands; or
- (b) any port within the Cook Islands to any port beyond the Cook Islands,

Price \$1.50

without the prior written approval of the Minister to be so engaged.

(2) The Minister may in his discretion grant an approval under subsection (1) for a period of time not exceeding two years.

(3) Every approval may be granted by the Minister on such terms and conditions as the Minister may in the Minister's discretion determine including terms and conditions as to the volume of goods to be shipped.

(4) This section shall apply to a person –

(a) whether or not that person is an owner or operator of vessels; and

(b) whether or not that person is an owner or operator of a vessel approved by the Minister under section 12."

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This Act is administered by the Ministry of Transport