



TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

CHAPTER 56
MERCHANT SHIPPING
(REGISTRY) ORDINANCE

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No Subsidiary Legislation has been made under this Ordinance

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*(Ordinances 11 of 1987, 3 of 1991, 22 of 1992
and incorporating Ordinances 7 of 1857 and 5 of 1918)*

AN ORDINANCE TO ENABLE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS AS TO SIZE
AND OTHER MATTERS TO BE IMPOSED IN RESPECT OF SHIPS WHICH
MAY BE REGISTERED IN THE ISLANDS.

[15 August 1987] Commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Merchant Shipping
(Registry) Ordinance. Short title

2. In this Ordinance— Interpretation
“the Act” means the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 of the United
Kingdom;

“the Registrar” means the Registrar of Ships.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part I of the Act relating
to the registration of ships, the Governor may direct the Registrar
to refuse to register any ship in respect of which an application
for registration has been received unless— Refusal to
register

(a) it is under five hundred tons gross; or

(b) the Governor is satisfied that it has a clear economic connection with the Islands, and, having regard to the safety of the ship and to the safety, health and welfare of the persons employed or engaged in any capacity on board the ship, the Governor is satisfied that it is not detrimental to the interest of the Islands or international merchant shipping for the ship to be registered at the port of Turks Islands.

Prescription of
classes of ships

4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part I of the Act relating to the registration of ships, the Governor may by order published in the *Gazette* prescribe classes of ships which the Registrar shall refuse to register.

Transfer of
registration

5. Notwithstanding section 53 of the Act, an application made for transfer of the registration of a ship to which that Act applies from any port of registry outside of the Islands to the port of Turks Islands, shall not be granted except with the approval of the Governor.

Fees of Registrar
and Surveyor of
Shipping

6. (1) Upon the performance by the Registrar of Shipping and the Measuring Surveyor of Shipping of these Islands of the duties in the Schedule hereunto enumerated, they shall respectively be entitled to demand and receive the fees set out in the said Schedule for the performance of such duties respectively, such fees to be paid by the parties at whose request the said services shall be performed.

(2) The Governor may by Order amend the Schedule.
(*Inserted by Ord. 3 of 1991*)

Tonnage Tax

7. There shall be payable to the Registrar of Shipping on or before the 10th day of January in each year in respect of each vessel registered in the Turks and Caicos Islands a tonnage tax at the rate of one dollar for each and every registered ton or part thereof. (*Inserted by Ord. 22 of 1992*)

Repeal

8. In the event of any inconsistency between this Ordinance and Part I of the Act relating to the registration of ships, the provisions of that Part are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SCHEDULE

1. Registration and related matters	\$
For registering a ship and granting a certificate of registry—	
(a) vessels of 5 tons and under	50.00
(b) vessels exceeding 5 tons and under 20 tons	75.00
(c) vessels exceeding 20 tons and under 100 tons	200.00
(d) for every additional 100 tons or fraction thereof	50.00
For each form of bill of sale or mortgage issued	50.00
For each form of declaration issued	100.00
For endorsing names of owners upon certificate of registry on change of owners	100.00
For endorsing change of Master	100.00
For engagement or discharge of each Mate, steward or seaman	100.00
For each entry in the registry book relating to a transfer by bill of sale	100.00
For each entry relating to a mortgage	100.00
For transmitting particulars on application to transfer registry to another port	100.00
For granting a certificate of mortgage or sale	150.00
For sale or mortgage made before the Registrar under certificate of sale or mortgage	100.00
For each certified copy of documents under section 695 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894	100.00
For inspection of Registry Book	50.00
2. Measurement Fees	
Measurement of tonnage, for each transverse section	100.00
Certificate of survey of identity when measurement of tonnage is not required	250.00

(Amended by Ord. 3 of 1991)

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