STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 3016

MERCHANT SHIPPING

The General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Maritime Differential Correction Systems) Order 1997

Made - - - - 15th December 1997
Coming into force - - 12th January 1998

Whereas a draft of the following Order has been laid before Parliament and has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament in accordance with section 223(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995(1):

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 223(3) of the said Act of 1995, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

- **1.** This Order may be cited as the General Lighthouse Authorities (Beacons: Maritime Differential Correction Systems) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 12th January 1998.
- 2. For the purposes of Part VIII of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, all references to a beacon in the said Part VIII shall be construed as including equipment provided for broadcasts in the medium frequency range 283.5-315 khz from any transmitter situated in the United Kingdom where such equipment forms part of a maritime differential position-fixing, integrity monitoring and data carrying system based on real-time corrections to signals emanating from a global satellite system.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Glenda Jackson
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Department of the Environment, Transport and
the Regions

15th December 1997

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides that all references to a beacon in Part VIII of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 shall be construed as including equipment in the United Kingdom which form part of a differential correction system to be used in conjunction with satellite navigation signals for maritime navigation. Such equipment would be subject to the superintendence and management of the General Lighthouse Authorities.