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**SEA POLLUTION (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES)  
(COMPENSATION) ACT 2005**

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ACTS REFERRED TO

Companies Act 1963	1963, No. 33
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AN ACT TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARRIAGE OF HAZARDOUS AND NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES BY SEA, 1996, DONE AT LONDON ON THE 3RD DAY OF MAY, 1996; TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROTOCOL OF 1996 TO AMEND THE CONVENTION ON LIMITATION OF LIABILITY FOR MARITIME CLAIMS, 1976, DONE AT LONDON ON THE 2nd DAY OF MAY, 1996, AND FOR THAT PURPOSE TO AMEND THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (LIABILITY OF SHIPOWNERS AND OTHERS) ACT 1996; TO AMEND THE OIL POLLUTION OF THE SEA (CIVIL LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION) ACT 1988; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

[30th May, 2005]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL

**1.—(1)** This Act may be cited as the Sea Pollution (Hazardous Substances) (Compensation) Act 2005.

Short title, collective citation, collective construction and commencement.

(2) The Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 2000, and *section 28* may be cited together as the Merchant Shipping Acts 1894 to 2005 and shall be construed together as one Act.

(3) The Oil Pollution of the Sea (Civil Liability and Compensation) Acts 1988 to 2003, and *section 29* may be cited together as the Oil Pollution of the Sea (Civil Liability and Compensation) Acts 1988 to 2005.

(4) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister may, by order or orders, appoint, either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision, and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions.

**2.—(1)** In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“the Central Bank” means the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland;

“the Convention” means the International Convention on Liability and Compensation for Damage in connection with the Carriage of