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THE SIERRA LEONE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION ACT, 2000

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SIGNED this 6th day of June, 2000.

ALHAJI AHMAD TEJAN KABBAH,
President.



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The Sierra Leone Maritime Administration Act, 2000 Short title.

Being an Act to establish an autonomous body for the registration of ships and other vessels, the licensing and safety of maritime personnel and for the regulation and development generally of maritime, coastal and inland water transport and for other matters connected therewith.

[22nd June, 2000] Date of commencement.

ENACTED by the President and Members of Parliament in this present Parliament assembled.

PART I — PRELIMINARY

Commence-
ment.

1. This Act shall come into operation on a date to be fixed by the Minister by order in a statutory instrument.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Administration” means the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration established by section 3;

“Board” means the Board referred to in subsection (1) of section 4;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board referred to in subsection (2) of section 4;

“Executive Director” means the Executive Director appointed under section 13;

“Flag State” means the state whose flag a ship is entitled to fly;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for transport;

“Port State” means a state in whose port a ship sails subject to the appropriate convention;

“Ship” includes any ship, vessel, tug, lighter, canoe or boat of any kind whatsoever whether mechanically propelled or otherwise or towed; (Port Act 1964 as amended in 1970)

“Vessel” includes an ocean going ship, locally constructed boat and any other vessel plying the coastal inland waterways of Sierra Leone.

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Establishment
of Administra-
tion.

3. (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Sierra Leone Maritime Administration.

(2) The Administration shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of any property, whether movable or immovable, and of suing and being sued in its corporate name and, subject to this Act, of performing all such acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

(3) The Administration shall have a common seal, the use of which shall be authenticated by the signature of the Executive Director and other members of the Board designated in that behalf by the Board.

4. (1) The governing body of the Administration shall be a Board which shall, subject to this Act, have the control and supervision of the Administration. Board of Administration.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the Board shall be responsible for:—

- (a) securing the implementation of the functions of the Administration;
- (b) the approval of policies for the proper management of the Administration; and
- (c) the sound and proper financial management of the Administration.

(3) The Board shall consist of a Chairman and eight other members.

(4) The Chairman shall be a person—

- (a) with a formal qualification and high standing in any of the professions recognised by the laws of Sierra Leone; or
- (b) with a formal qualification and proven ability in business administration or management,

but no person shall be appointed Chairman if he has any financial interest, whether directly or indirectly, in any maritime business or undertaking.

(5) The other members shall consist of—

- (a) four persons being senior officials designated as representatives respectively by each of the following:—