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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 8 May 2017 and assented to by the President on 2 June 2017:—

### **MERCHANT SHIPPING (WRECK REMOVAL) ACT 2017**

**(No. 25 of 2017)**

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**No. 25 of 2017.**

I assent.



TONY TAN KENG YAM,  
*President.*  
*2 June 2017.*

An Act to give effect to the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, to make provision generally for matters connected therewith and to make related amendments to the Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 179 of the 1996 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

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PART 1  
PRELIMINARY

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act is the Merchant Shipping (Wreck Removal) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Interpretation**

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

“affected State” means the State in whose Convention area the wreck is located;

“Authority” means the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore established under the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 170A);

“Convention” means the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, the text of which is set out in the First Schedule;

“Convention area” means the exclusive economic zone of a State Party, established in accordance with international law or, if a State Party has not established such a zone, an area beyond and adjacent to the territorial sea of that State determined by that State in accordance with international law and extending not more than 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of its territorial sea is measured;

“court”, in relation to any proceedings, includes any court having jurisdiction in the matter to which the proceedings relate;

“damage” includes loss;

“Director” means the Director of Marine appointed under section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act (Cap. 179) and includes the Deputy Director of Marine appointed under that section;