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*Licensing of Shipping Agents (Amendment)
Act, No 18 of 2002*

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L.D.—O. 7/2001.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LICENSING OF SHIPPING AGENTS ACT,
NO. 10 OF 1972 AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED
THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Licensing of Shipping
Agents (Amendment) Act, No. 18 of 2002.

Short title.

2. The Long Title to the Licensing of Shipping Agents
Act, No. 10 of 1972, (hereinafter referred to as the “principal
enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for the
words “BUSINESS OF A SHIPPING AGENT” of the words
“BUSINESS OF A SHIPPING AGENT, FREIGHT
FORWARDERS, NON VESSEL OPERATING COMMON
CARRIERS, AND CONTAINER OPERATORS.”.

Amendment of
the long title to
Act, No. 10 of
1972.

3. (1) In the principal enactment and in any other written
law, there shall be substituted—

- (a) for the words, “Licensing of Shipping Agents Act”
of the words “Licensing of Shipping Agents, Freight
Forwarders, Non Vessel Operating Common
Carriers, and Container Operators Act ;
- (b) for the words, “Shipping Agents” of the words
“Shipping Agents, Freight Forwarders, Non Vessel
Operating Common Carriers and Container
Operators.

Licensing of
Shipping Agents
Act, and the
Shipping Agents
to be known as
Licensing of
Shipping Agents,
Freight Forward-
ers and Non
Vessel Operating
Common Carriers
and Container
Operators Act,
and the Shipping
Agents, Freight
Forwarders non
Vessel Operating
Common Carriers
and Container
Operators
respectively.

(2) Every reference to the “Licensing of Shipping Agents
Act” and “Shipping Agents” in any notice, notification,
contract, communication or other document shall be read and
construed as a reference to “Licensing of Shipping Agents,
Freight Forwarders, Non Vessel Operating Common Carriers
and Container Operators Act”, and “Shipping Agents, Freight
Forwarders, Non Vessel Operating Common Carriers and
Container Operator,” respectively.

Amendment of
section 15 of the
principal
enactment.

4. Section 15 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

- (1) by the insertion immediately after the definition of the expression “appropriate authority” of the following new definition :—

“container operators” means a person engaged in the business of container terminal, container depot and container freight station operation in Sri Lanka ;

“freight forwarders” means any person engaged in the business of International Freight Forwarding which includes undertaking the carriage or the procurement of the carriage by air, sea, or land and the provision of other services connected with such carriage, but shall not include any services provided by a person for the carriage of goods or services provided solely as the agent of an airline or ship owner or charterer of a ship ;

- (2) by the insertion immediately after the definition of the expression “license” of the following new definition :—

“Non Vessel Operating Common Carrier” means a freight forwarder who also engages in the functions of a carrier ;

Sinhala text to
prevail in case of
inconsistency.

5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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