

THE INLAND MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSELS ACT, 1917



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THE INLAND MECHANICALLY PROPELLED VESSELS ACT.

¹ACT No. I OF 1917

[7th February, 1917]

An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to ²[Mechanically Propelled Vessels].

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate the enactments relating to ²[mechanically propelled vessels]; It is hereby enacted as follows:-

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

³[1. Short title and extent.— (1) This Act may be called the Inland Mechanically Propelled Vessels Act.

(2) It extends to the whole of Pakistan.]

The Act has been amended in its application to-

Sind, see the Inland Steam-vessels (Sind Amendment) Act, 1941 (Sind Act 21 of 1941).

The following portions of this Act have been applied with certain modifications to the inland mechanically propelled vessels belonging to the Central Govt. or the Provincial Govt. other than the vessels of Pakistan navy and the Army I. W.T. namely ;—

Chapter II—(i) Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19.

²Subs. by Act 25 of 1951, s. 2, for "inland steam-vessels.".

¹For Statement of Objects and Reasons, see Cazette of India, 1916, Pt. V, p. 71; and for Proceedings in Council, see ibid., 1916, Pt. VI, p.541, and ibid., 1917, Pt. VI, p.17.
The provisions of this Act (excluding sections 19-A to 19-P) have been applied to the territory of Gwadur by W. Pakistan Ordinance No. 36 of 1959 (wiht effect from the 16th June 1959).
Nothing in the Control of Shipping Act, 1947 (26 of 1947), shall apply to any vessel registered under this Act, see the Inland Steam-vessels (Amdt). Act, 1951 (25 of 1951), s. 18.

³Subs. ibid., s. 3, for the original section 1 as amended by A. O., 1937 and A. O., 1949, Sch.