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An Act to give effect to the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007 and to make provision generally for matters connected therewith.

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PART 1**PRELIMINARY****Short title**

- 1. This Act is the Merchant Shipping (Wreck Removal) Act 2017.

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 1996;

“Convention” means the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks, 2007, the text of which is 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 1995 and includes the Deputy Director of Marine appointed under that section;

“gross tonnage”, in relation to a ship, means its gross tonnage calculated in accordance with the regulations in Annex 1 of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969 and any amendment to it which has come into force and has been accepted by the Government, or any successor convention accepted by the Government;

“hazard” means any condition or threat that —

(a) poses a danger or impediment to navigation; or