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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 31st July 1998 and assented to by the President on 18th August 1998:—

MERCHANT SHIPPING (CIVIL LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION FOR OIL POLLUTION) ACT 1998

(No. 33 of 1998)

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No. 33 of 1998.

I assent.



ONG TENG CHEONG,
President.
18th August 1998.

An Act to give effect to the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1992 and to the International Convention on the Establishment of an International Fund for Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage 1992, to repeal the Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Act (Cap.180 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to other written law, and to make provisions generally for matters connected therewith.

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

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Civil Liability and Compensation for Oil Pollution) Act 1998 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Interpretation

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

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

“Court” means the High Court;

“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 thereunder;

“Liability Convention” means the International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage 1992;

“Liability Convention country” means a country in respect of which the Liability Convention is in force;

“Liability Convention State” means a State which is a party to the Liability Convention;

“master” includes every person, except a pilot, having command or charge of a ship;

“oil” means any persistent hydrocarbon mineral oil such as crude oil, fuel oil, heavy diesel oil and lubricating oil, whether carried on board a ship as cargo or in the bunkers of such a ship;