

**STATEMENT ADDRESSING THE BETTER REGULATION PRINCIPLES
IN RELATION TO THE PROPOSED**

**COMMERCIAL VESSELS LEGISLATION AMENDMENT (FEES,
EXPENSES AND CHARGES) REGULATION 2010**

**MANAGEMENT OF WATERS AND WATERSIDE LANDS AMENDMENT
(FEES) REGULATION 2010**

**MARINE SAFETY (GENERAL) FURTHER AMENDMENT (FEES)
REGULATION 2010**

1 *The need for government action should be established*

The proposed Regulations are required to maintain the value of existing fees, expenses and charges payable under the relevant Principal Regulations in accordance with movements in the Consumer Price Index.

Fees, expenses and charges are reviewed annually.

2 *The objective of government action should be clear*

The objective of the proposed Regulations is to update the Principal Regulations in relation to the value of existing fees, expenses and charges payable under those Regulations.

3 *The impact of government action should be properly understood by considering the costs and benefits of a range of options, including non-regulatory options*

The proposed Regulations are intended to maintain the value of existing fees, expenses and charges. Non-regulatory options are, therefore, not considered applicable.

4 *Government action should be effective and proportional*

It is considered that the proposed amendments will be effective in maintaining the value of fees, expenses and charges. The increases are proportional as they are based on movements in the Consumer Price Index.

5 Consultation with business and the community should inform regulatory development

The proposed Regulations are required so that the value of fees, expenses and charges is maintained. Fees, expenses and charges are reviewed annually. It is not considered necessary for businesses and the community to be specifically informed in advance of the proposed increases. The Regulations will be made in advance of their commencement date of 1 October 2010. The amendments to the Regulations are simple fees, expenses and charges increases in accordance with movements in the Consumer Price Index and consistent with established fee etc review practice. The fee increases have been calculated on the fees in force before the recent increases made by the *Marine Safety (General) Amendment (Fees) Regulation 2010*.

6 The simplification, repeal, reform or consolidation of existing regulation should be considered

The Regulations do not raise simplification, repeal, reform or consolidation of existing regulation issues for consideration.

7 Regulation should be periodically reviewed, and if necessary reformed to ensure its continued efficiency and effectiveness

Fees, expenses and charges will continue to be reviewed on an annual basis.