

## DESPATCHES FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

No. 214.

CIRCULAR.

DOWNING STREET,  
6th June, 1910.

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit for your information a copy of an Order in Council of 22nd April, 1910, made under Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, providing that Danish ships in ports of the United Kingdom shall be exempt from the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, relating to life-saving appliances, on proof that they have complied with the Danish regulations on the subject.

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*The Officer Administering the Government of*  
HONGKONG.

ORDER IN COUNCIL EXEMPTING DENMARK FROM THE OPERATION  
OF THE LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES PROVISIONS OF THE  
MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT.

AT THE COURT AT SAINT JAMES'S,  
THE 22ND DAY OF APRIL, 1910.

PRESENT,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES.

LORD PRESIDENT. SIR FLEETWOOD EDWARDS.

LORD STEWARD. COLONEL SEELY.

WHEREAS His Majesty was pleased, by His Commission dated the fifth day of March, one thousand nine hundred and ten, to nominate and appoint His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, in His Majesty's absence from His Realm in Foreign Parts, to hold on His Majesty's behalf, His Privy Council, and to signify thereat His approval of any matter or thing whereunto His Royal Highness should be authorized by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, and to do further on His Majesty's behalf any matter or thing for the purposes of the said Commission whereunto His Royal Highness should be authorized in manner aforesaid :

And whereas by section four of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906, it is provided that sections four hundred and twenty-seven to four hundred and thirty-one of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 (hereinafter called the Principal Act), relating to life-saving appliances shall, after the appointed day, apply to all foreign ships while they are within any port of the United Kingdom as they apply to British ships. Provided that His Majesty may by Order in Council direct that those provisions shall not apply to any ship of a foreign country in which the provisions in force relating to life-saving appliances appear to His Majesty to be as effective as the provisions of Part V of the Principal Act, on proof that those provisions are complied with in the case of that ship :

And whereas by section five of the said Act it is provided that the said appointed day shall be the first day of January, nineteen hundred and nine, or such other day not being more than twelve months later, as the Board of Trade may appoint :

And whereas the Board of Trade appointed the first day of October, one thousand nine hundred and nine, to be the day after which the provisions of the Principal Act relating to life-saving appliances should apply to all foreign ships while they are within any port of the United Kingdom as they apply to British ships :

And whereas it appears to His Majesty that the provisions in force in Denmark relating to life-saving appliances are as effective as the provisions of Part V of the Principal Act :

Now therefore His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, being authorized thereto by writing under His Majesty's Sign Manual, doth, by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, on behalf of His Majesty, direct that the provisions of sections four hundred and twenty-seven to four hundred and thirty-one of the Principal Act shall not apply to any Danish ship while within any port of the United Kingdom, if it is proved that the aforesaid Danish provisions relating to life-saving appliances are complied with in the case of that ship.

ALMERIC FITZROY.