CHAPTER 73

BOATMEN'S FEES ACT

To make provision for the levying of a fee in respect of passengers not making use of dgħajsas.

(2nd June, 1933)*

ACT XVII of 1933, as amended by Ordinance XI of 1935; Acts: XIII of 1948, XI of 1957; Emergency Ordinance VI of 1958; Ordinances: XVI of 1960 and XXV of 1962; and Legal Notice 408 of 2007.

Short title.

1. The short title of this Act is the Boatmen's Fees Act.

Interpretation. *Added by: XIII. 1948.3.*

2. The expression -

"hired means of conveyance"† includes any boat or other craft provided by the agent himself or belonging to the ship on or from which the passengers embark or disembark;

"Minister" means the Minister under whose jurisdiction the Customs Department may, from time to time, be.

Payment of fee in respect of passengers embarking or disembarking at Malta. *Amended by: XVI. 1960.3; L.N. 408 of 2007.*

3. (1) From the day on which this Act shall come into force, the agent of every ship carrying passengers to or from Malta shall pay into the Office of the Comptroller of Customs a fee of four cents (0.04) in respect of each passenger embarking on or disembarking from the ship by any hired means of conveyance other than a licensed *dgħajsa*.

(2) This fee shall not exceed eight cents (0.08) during one whole day.

(3) The provisions of this article shall not apply to ships carrying passengers between Malta and Gozo.

Administration of moneys. *Amended by: XI.1935.3; XIII. 1948.2. Substituted by: XI.1957.2. Amended by: VI.1958.2; XVI. 1960.3; XXV.1962.2.*

4. The moneys accruing from the payment of the fees referred to in the last preceding article shall be administered by the Comptroller of Customs who shall pay the same, with such deductions as the Minister may direct, to the boatmen licensed to ply their trade in the Grand Harbour and Marsamxett Harbour, in accordance with regulations made by the Minister under article 5.

Power of Minister to make regulations. *Amended by: XIII. 1948.2; VI.1958.2; XVI.1960.3; XXV.1962.2.*

5. (1) The Minister may make regulations in regard to any matter coming within the scope of this Act.

(2) In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such regulations may prescribe the manner in which the agent shall collect the fees to be paid by him into the Office of the Comptroller of Customs and the manner in which such fees shall be paid and distributed to the boatmen.

**See* original article 7 of the Act, which article has been omitted under the Malta Statute Law Revision Ordinance, 1936 and the Statute Law Revision Act, 1980, and *see* Government Notice No. 193 of the 2nd of June, 1933.

†Transposed from S. 2 (3) of the 1942 Revised Edition of the Laws of Malta by virtue of the Statute Law Revision Act, 1980.