HARBOURS ACT 1964, SECTION 31 OBJECTION TO HARBOUR DUES

The Secretary of State has considered objections lodged by P&O Ferries Holdings Limited and DFDS Seaways BV (formerly Norfolkline Shipping BV) under Section 31 of the Harbours Act 1964 ("the 1964 Act") on the ground that harbour dues charged by Dover Harbour Board ("the harbour authority") from 1 January to 31 December 2010 ("the 2010 harbour dues") ought to be imposed at a rate lower than that at which they were imposed.

In accordance with Section 31(6)(a) of the 1964 Act, the Secretary of State hereby gives notice to the harbour authority of the Secretary of State's approval of the 2010 harbour dues. The period during which the approval is to have effect is subject to a limit of 12 months from 1 January 2010.

This notice is published in accordance with Section 31(9) of the 1964 Act.

The letter to the parties conveying the decision may be obtained from the following address: Department for Transport, Zone 2/29, Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 4DR and is on the Department for Transport's website www.dft.gov.uk

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