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It is hereby notified that the State President has assented to the following Act which is hereby published for general information:—

Hierby word bekend gemaak dat die Staatspresident sy goedkeuring geheg het aan die onderstaande Wet wat hierby ter algemene inligting gepubliseer word:—

No. 62 of 1978: Merchant Shipping Amendment Act, 1978.

No. 62 van 1978: Wysigingswet op Handelskeepvaart, 1978.

MERCHANT SHIPPING AMENDMENT ACT, 1978.

Act No. 62, 1978

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

Words underlined with solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

ACT

To amend the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951, in order to extend the powers of the Minister in respect of the disposal of wrecks or ships that have been wrecked, stranded or abandoned.

(Afrikaans text signed by the State President.)
(Assented to 2 May 1978.)

BE IT ENACTED by the State President, the Senate and the House of Assembly of the Republic of South Africa, as follows:—

1. Section 304A of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951, is hereby
5 amended by the substitution for subsection (2) of the following
subsection:

“(2) **[If] The Minister [is of the opinion that any wreck
or any wrecked, stranded or abandoned ship constitutes a
danger or potential danger to navigation in the territorial
waters of the Republic, he] may, notwithstanding the
provisions of subsection (1), cause [such] any wreck or any
wrecked, stranded or abandoned ship or any part thereof to
be raised, removed or destroyed or dealt with in such manner
as he may deem fit.”.**

Amendment of
section 304A of
Act 57 of 1951,
as inserted by
section 9 of
Act 5 of 1976.

15 2. This Act shall be called the Merchant Shipping Amendment Short title.
Act, 1978.