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**Decree No. (9) of 1998 Approving the Amendment of Articles 16, 17, and 19 Paragraph (b) of the Convention of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)**

We, Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa, Emir of the State of Bahrain.

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Decree No. (6) of 1977 regarding the Approval of the Accession of the Government of the State of Bahrain to the Charter of the Maritime Government Consultative Organisation on 6 March 1948, as amended;

And Articles 16, 17 and 19 Paragraph (b) of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Convention;

And upon the submission of the Minister of Finance and National Economy,

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers,

**Hereby Decree the following:**

**Article One**

The amendment of Articles 16, 17, and 19 Paragraph (b) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Convention, in accordance with Decision No. 735 A (18) of the IMO General Assembly promulgated on 4 November 1993, has been approved.

**Article Two**

The Minister of Finance and National Economy shall implement this Decree, and it shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Emir of the State of Bahrain**

**Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

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