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**Legislative Decree No. (18) of 1991 amending Article (1) of the Maritime Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (23) of 1982**

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

Having reviewed the Constitution;

Emiri Order No. (12) of 1991;

Emiri Order No. (4) of 1975;

Maritime Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (23) of 1982, amended by Legislative Decree No. (4) of 1991;

And Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1978 promulgating the Law on the Registration of Ships and Specifying Safety Conditions;

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 Law:**

**Article One**

The text of Article (1) of Maritime Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (23) of 1982 shall be replaced with the following text:

“A ship, in the application of this Law, is any navigable installation that functions normally in maritime navigation and is propelled by its own machines or sails, or that is prepared for this, even if it is not intended for profit.

Floating marine vessels are also considered equivalent to ships in applying the provisions of this Law, provided that they have been registered in accordance with the provisions of Articles (1) and (2) of the Ships Registration and Determination of Safety Conditions Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (14) of 1978.

The ship's accessories required for the investment are an integral part of it."

**Article Two**

The Ministers - each within his jurisdiction- shall implement this Law, and it shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Acting Emir of the State of Bahrain**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

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**On 26 Rabi' Al-Akhir 1412 A.H.**

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