



I assent,

GEORGE TUPOU V,

13th February, 2009.

## **AN ACT**

### **TO AMEND THE SHIPPING ACT TO TRANSFER MINISTERIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the King and the Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Shipping (Amendment) Act 2008.  
(2) The Shipping Act (Cap. 136), as amended, is in this Act referred to as the Principal Act.
2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by -
  - (a) deleting the definition of "Minister" and inserting the following -  
" 'Minister' means the Minister for Transport";
  - (b) deleting the definition of "Ministry" and inserting the following:  
" 'Ministry' means the Ministry of Transport; "
  - (c) deleting the word "Secretary" and its definition.
3. The Principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Secretary for Marine and Ports" and the word "Secretary" wherever they appear and replaced with the words "Minister for Transport" and the word "Minister" respectively.

4. The Principal Act is amended by deleting section 6 and replacing with the following:

**"6. Minister for Transport**

The functions of the Minister for Transport with regard to marine matters shall be responsible for the administration of this Act."

Passed in the Legislative Assembly this 9th day of October, 2008.