

7. Sections 45 to 47 of the said Act are repealed.

8. (1) Section 55 of the said Act is amended by adding thereto immediately after subsection (3) thereof the following subsection:

Exception.

“(3a) The Minister may also, by order, exempt any class of dragger or trawler defined by the regulations from the operation of subsection (3) in respect of any area that is not less than three miles from the nearest shore on the Atlantic seacoast of Canada.”

(2) Subsection (5) of section 55 of the said Act is amended by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (c) thereof, by adding the word “and” at the end of paragraph (d) thereof, and by adding thereto the following paragraph:

“(e) classifying, for the purposes of this section, the vessels referred to in subsection (1) according to length, tonnage or otherwise.”