

39. Minister may give directions

- (1) The Minister may give directions in writing to the IMO with respect to the performance of its functions, either generally or in relation to a particular matter, and, subject to regulation 40, the IMO is to give effect to any such direction.
- (2) A direction under subregulation (1) is not to be inconsistent with the objectives set out in section 122(2) of the Act.
- (3) The Minister must cause the text of any direction under subregulation (1) to be laid before each House of Parliament or dealt with under regulation 51 —
 - (a) within 14 days after the direction is given; or
 - (b) if the direction is the subject of a notice under section 17 of the *Statutory Corporations (Liability of Directors) Act 1996*, within 14 days after it is confirmed under that section.