



**SUPPLEMENT No. 2**

TO

THE CYPRUS GAZETTE No. 2799 OF 6TH DECEMBER, 1939.  
LEGISLATION.

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**THE STATUTE LAWS OF CYPRUS**

**No. 24 OF 1939.**

A LAW TO GIVE EFFECT TO CERTAIN DRAFT CONVENTIONS ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE RELATING RESPECTIVELY TO AN UNEMPLOYMENT INDEMNITY FOR SEAMEN IN THE CASE OF LOSS OR FOUNDERING OF THEIR SHIP, THE MINIMUM AGE FOR THE ADMISSION OF YOUNG PERSONS TO EMPLOYMENT AS TRIMMERS AND STOKERS, AND THE COMPULSORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SEA.

W. D. BATTERSHILL,]  
*Governor.*

[*5th December, 1939.*

**W**HEREAS at Genoa the General Conference of the International Labour Organization of the League of Nations on the ninth day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty, adopted a draft convention concerning unemployment indemnity for seamen in case of loss or foundering of their ship, and at Geneva on the eleventh day of November, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, adopted two other draft conventions, namely, a draft convention fixing the minimum age for the admission of young persons to employment as trimmers and stokers, and a draft convention concerning the compulsory medical examination of children and young persons employed at sea :

**AND WHEREAS** the said draft conventions contain (together with other provisions) the provisions set out in Parts I, II and III respectively of the Schedule to this Law :

**AND WHEREAS** it is expedient that for the purpose of giving effect to the said draft conventions such provision should be made as is contained in this Law :

BE it therefore enacted by His Excellency the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Cyprus as follows :—

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Cyprus Registration of Ships (International Labour Conventions) Law, 1939, and shall be construed as one with the Cyprus Registration of Ships Laws, 1922 and 1933, and those Laws and this Law may together be cited as the Cyprus Registration of Ships Laws, 1922 to 1939.

5 of 1922  
13 of 1933

Interpre-  
tation.

2. In this Law—

The expression “ ship ” means a ship registered under the provisions of the Cyprus Registration of Ships Laws, 1922 and 1933 ;

The expression “ young person ” means a person who is under the age of eighteen years.

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Seaman  
entitled to  
wages in  
certain cases.

3.—(1) Where by reason of the wreck or loss of a ship on which a seaman is employed his service terminates before the date contemplated in the agreement under which he is employed, he shall, subject to the provisions of this section, be entitled, in respect of each day on which he is in fact unemployed during a period of two months from the date of the termination of the service, to receive wages at the rate to which he was entitled at that date.

(2) A seaman shall not be entitled to receive wages under this section if the owner shows that the unemployment was not due to the wreck or loss of the ship and shall not be entitled to receive wages under this section in respect of any day if the owner shows that the seaman was able to obtain suitable employment on that day.

(3) In this section the expression “ seaman ” includes every person employed or engaged in any capacity on board any ship.

Employment  
of young  
persons as  
trimmers or  
stokers.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, no young person shall be employed or work as a trimmer or stoker in any ship :

Provided that—

(a) The foregoing provision shall not apply—

(i) to the employment of a young person on such work as aforesaid in a school-ship or training-ship if the work is of a kind approved by the Registrar of Cyprus ships and is carried on subject to supervision by officers of the Customs Department authorized in writing by the Registrar of Cyprus ships in that behalf ; or

(ii) to the employment of a young person on such work as aforesaid in a ship which is mainly propelled otherwise than by means of steam ; or

(iii) to the employment of a young person subject to and in accordance with the provisions contained in paragraph (c) of Article 3 of the draft convention set out in Part II of the Schedule ; and

(b) Where in any port a trimmer or stoker is required for any ship and no person over the age of eighteen years is available to fill the place, a young person over the age of sixteen years may be employed as a trimmer or stoker, but in any such case two young persons over the age of sixteen years shall be employed to do the work which would otherwise have been performed by one person over the age of eighteen years.

(2) There shall be included in every agreement with the crew a list of the young persons who are members of the crew, together with particulars of the dates of their birth, and, in the case of a ship in which there is no such agreement, the master of the ship shall, if young persons are employed therein, keep a register of those persons with particulars of the dates of their birth and of the dates on which they become or cease to be members of the crew.

(3) There shall be included in every agreement with the crew a short summary of the provisions of this section.

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, no young person shall be employed in any capacity in any ship, unless there has been delivered to the master of the ship a certificate granted by a duly qualified medical practitioner certifying that the young person is fit to be employed in that capacity :

Medical  
examination  
of young  
persons.

Provided that—

(a) the foregoing provisions shall not apply to the employment of a young person in a ship in which only members of the same family are employed ; and

(b) a superintendent or consular officer, within the meaning of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, may on the ground of urgency authorize a young person to be employed in a ship notwithstanding that no such certificate as aforesaid has been delivered to the master of the ship, but a young person in whose case any such authorization is given shall not be employed beyond the first port at which the ship calls after the young person has embarked thereon, except subject to and in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section.

(2) A certificate under this section shall remain in force for a period of twelve months from the date on which it is granted and no longer :