

**Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Health and Safety  
Protection and Accident Prevention) Regulations 2014**

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(MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION) ACT 2014  
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# MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION) (HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTECTION AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION) REGULATIONS 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 82 of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Act 2014, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Transport, hereby makes the following Regulations:

## Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Health and Safety Protection and Accident Prevention) Regulations 2014 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2014.

## Definition

2. In these Regulations, “International Safety Management Code” means the International Management Code for the Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention 2002 adopted by the International Maritime Organization and any amendment thereto which has come into force and has been accepted by the Government.

## Application

3. These Regulations shall apply to —

- (a) all Singapore ships ordinarily engaged in commercial activities wherever they may be; and
- (b) all seafarers employed on ships referred to in paragraph (a).

## Safeguards and safety measures

4.—(1) It shall be the duty of the shipowner to develop, take and implement on board such occupational health and safety measures to prevent occupational accidents, injuries and diseases as are specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The occupational health and safety measures referred to in paragraph (1) shall either —

- (a) meet the requirements of an approved ship safety management system under the International Safety Management Code; or
- (b) include all of the following:
  - (i) provision and maintenance of plant, machinery and equipment and systems of work that are, so far as is reasonably practicable,

safe and without risk to health;

- (ii) arrangements for ensuring, so far as is reasonably practicable, safety and absence of risk to health in connection with the use, handling, stowage and transport of articles and substances;
- (iii) provision of necessary personal protective equipment for seafarers;
- (iv) arrangements as are appropriate, having regard to the nature of, and the substances used in, the activities and size of the operation, for the effective planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review of preventive and protective measures;
- (v) arrangements to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that no person has access to any area of the ship to which it is necessary to restrict access on grounds of health and safety unless the individual concerned has received adequate and appropriate health and safety instruction.

### **Training of seafarers**

**5.—**(1) A shipowner shall provide a seafarer with adequate and appropriate health and safety training and instruction —

- (a) before the seafarer is assigned to shipboard duties; and
- (b) on the seafarer being exposed to new or increased risks because of —
  - (i) a requirement to take on any responsibility on board the ship that is not familiar to him;
  - (ii) the absence or lack of practical knowledge of the operation of any equipment;
  - (iii) the introduction of new technology; or
  - (iv) the introduction of any new shipboard practice or a new system of work.

(2) The training and instruction referred to in paragraph (1) shall —

- (a) be repeated periodically where appropriate;
- (b) take into account any new or changed risks to the health or safety of the