

Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Medicines and Medical Equipment) Regulations 2014

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**MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME LABOUR
CONVENTION) ACT 2014
(ACT 6 OF 2014)**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME LABOUR
CONVENTION) (MEDICINES AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT)
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) (Medicines and Medical Equipment) Regulations 2014 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2014.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“foreign-going ship” includes every ship employed in trading or going between some place or places in Singapore and some place or places situated beyond the limits prescribed for home-trade ships;

“home-trade ship” means a ship plying solely upon a home-trade voyage;

“home-trade voyage” means a voyage within the following limits: an imaginary line drawn from a position in the Gulf of Martaban in latitude 16° 15' north, longitude 96° east in a south-easterly direction to a position in latitude 15° north, longitude 97° east, thence due south to a position in latitude 9° north, longitude 97° east, thence in a south-westerly direction to a position in latitude 6° north, longitude 94° east, thence due south to a position latitude 4° north, longitude 94° east, thence in a south-easterly direction to a position in latitude 8° south, longitude 104° east, thence in an easterly direction to a position in latitude 10° south, longitude 120° east, thence due east to a position in latitude 10° south, longitude 125° east, thence due north to a position in latitude 8° north, longitude 125° east, thence due west to a position in latitude 8° north, longitude 110° east, thence in a 315° direction (N.W. true) to the coast of Vietnam, thence initially westward following the coasts of Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, the West Malaysia and Myanmar to the starting point;

“medicine case” means a medicine case required to be kept on board a ship without a qualified medical practitioner under regulation 10;

“medicine register” means a medicine register required to be kept on board a ship under regulation 14;

“passenger” means a person carried on board a ship with the knowledge or consent of the owner, manager, charterer, operator, agent or master of the ship, not being —

(a) a person employed or engaged in any capacity on board the ship on the business of the ship;

(b) a person on board the ship pursuant to an obligation imposed on the master by any law (including a law of a country other than

Singapore) to convey persons left behind in any country on being shipwrecked, distressed or by reason of circumstances that could not have been prevented or forestalled by the owner, manager, charterer, operator, agent or master of the ship;

- (c) a person temporarily employed on the ship in port; or
- (d) a child below one year of age;

“passenger ship” means a ship which carries more than 12 passengers;

“registered pharmacist” means a person who is registered as a pharmacist under the Pharmacists Registration Act (Cap. 230) or a person who possesses such qualification as may be approved by the Director;

“special limit voyage” means a voyage within the following limits: from a point where the longitude 103° 00' east cuts the west coast of Johor, thence due south to latitude 00° 30' north, thence due east to longitude 105° 00' east, thence due north to latitude 01° 00' north, thence to the point 02° 00' north, 104° 15' east, thence due west to the coast of Johor; and thence following the coast of Johor westwards to the starting point.

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).

Master's and shipowner's responsibilities

4.—(1) The master of a ship to which these Regulations apply shall ensure that the provisions of these Regulations are complied with in relation to his ship.

(2) The shipowner of a ship to which these Regulations apply shall, upon the request of the master of his ship, provide such assistance as is necessary for compliance with the provisions of these Regulations in relation to his ship.

(3) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) or (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

(4) It shall be a defence for any person charged for an offence under paragraph (3) to prove —

- (a) that the deficiency in medicines or medical equipment was caused by

medicines and medical equipment being used for their proper purposes and that it has not been reasonably practicable to replace them; or

- (b) that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of the offence.

Medical guide

5. Every ship shall carry on board a copy of the following:

- (a) International Medical Guide for Ships;
- (b) Ship Captain's Medical Guide;
- (c) Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods;
- (d) Document for Guidance — An International Maritime Training Guide; and
- (e) International Code of Signals.

Medicines and medical equipment for foreign-going ships

6. Every foreign-going ship shall keep on board —

- (a) medicines in a medicine chest according to Scale A set out in Part I of the First Schedule; and
- (b) medical equipment set out in Part II of the First Schedule.

Medicines and medical equipment for home-trade ships

7. Every home-trade ship shall keep on board —

- (a) medicines in a medicine chest according to Scale B set out in Part I of the First Schedule; and
- (b) medical equipment set out in Part II of the First Schedule.

Medicines and medical equipment for ships plying upon special limit voyages

8. Every ship plying solely upon a special limit voyage from the Port of Singapore shall keep on board —

- (a) medicines in a medicine chest according to Scale C set out in Part I of the First Schedule; and
- (b) medical equipment set out in Part II of the First Schedule.

Ships carrying dangerous cargo