

Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Training and Certification of Cooks and Catering Staff) Regulations 2014

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MERCHANT SHIPPING
(MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION) ACT 2014
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MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME LABOUR
CONVENTION) (TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION OF
COOKS AND CATERING STAFF) 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) (Training and Certification of Cooks and Catering Staff) Regulations 2014 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2014.

Definitions

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

“catering department” means the galley, mess rooms and any other areas on board intended or used for the storage or preparation of food for seafarers or the service of meals to seafarers;

“catering staff” has the same meaning as in section 26(2) of the Act;

“qualified ship’s cook” has the same meaning as in section 26(2) of the Act;

“STCW Convention” means the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended on 25th June 2010 and any amendment thereto which has come into force and has been accepted by the Government;

“trainee cook” means a person who is not a qualified ship’s cook but is undergoing instruction in the duties of a ship’s cook.

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).

Holding of certificate

4. Any certificate required to be held by a qualified ship's cook shall be kept available by the master or shipowner in its original form on board the ship on which the qualified ship's cook is serving.

Requirements for issue of certificate of proficiency as ship's cook

5.—(1) No person shall be issued a certificate of proficiency as a ship's cook unless he is 18 years of age and above and has been certified as medically fit in accordance with section 7 of the Act, and —

(a) he has attained all the following qualifications:

- (i) has completed basic safety and security training in accordance with regulations VI/1 and VI/6 of the STCW Convention;
- (ii) has successfully completed cook's training in an institute which has been conducted in accordance with paragraph (2);
- (iii) has served at sea for not less than 6 months as a catering staff or a trainee cook performing service relevant for the issue of cook's certificate; or

(b) he holds such qualification and experience which the Director may recognise as being substantially equivalent to any qualification or experience referred to in sub-paragraph (a).

(2) A training course for cooks shall cover practical cookery, food and personal hygiene, food storage, stock control, environmental protection and catering health and safety and such other areas as may be determined by the Director.

(3) An application by a person under section 27 of the Act for a certificate of proficiency as ship's cook, shall be made in writing and be accompanied by such documents as may be necessary to establish to the satisfaction of the Director that the applicant meets the criteria prescribed in paragraph (1).

(4) The Director may publish the areas determined by him under paragraph (2) in such manner as he thinks fit.

Recognition of ship's cook certificate

6.—(1) The Director may, at his discretion and upon such conditions as he may determine, recognise any valid certificate attesting the completion of training of ships'