

# **Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations**

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### **MERCHANT SHIPPING (REGISTRATION OF SHIPS) REGULATIONS\***

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**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships) Regulations.

### **Application of these Regulations**

- 1A.**—(1) These Regulations do not apply to any pleasure craft.
- (2) Regulations 3, 4 and 5 do not apply to any ship, tug or barge registered before 28 September 1981.

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## PART I

### CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRY OF SHIPS

#### **Definitions of this Part**

**2.** In this Part —

“age”, in relation to a ship, means the difference between —

- (a) the year in which its keel was laid, or was at a similar stage of construction; and
- (b) the year in which it is to be registered as a Singapore ship;

“citizen of Singapore” includes a permanent resident of Singapore;

“foreign owned ship” means a ship that is not locally owned;

“local company” means a company in which all or a majority of the shares are owned by persons who are —

- (a) citizens of Singapore; or
- (b) companies in which, or which have holding companies in which, all or a majority of the shares are owned by persons who are citizens of Singapore or local companies.

#### **Owners of ships registered under Part II of Act**

**3.** The following persons are qualified to be owners of ships which are to be registered under Part II of the Act:

- (a) citizens of Singapore; and
- (b) bodies corporate incorporated in Singapore.

#### **Closure of registry of certain tugs, barges and ships**

**4.** The registry of a tug or a barge, or a ship of less than 1,600 gross tons and owned wholly or partly by —

- (a) a local company shall be closed if all or a majority of the shares in the company or its holding company, if any, are; or

- (b) a citizen of Singapore shall be closed if any share in the tug or barge or ship is,

transferred to a person who is not a citizen of Singapore or another local company.

### **Conditions for registry**

**5.**—(1) A ship, other than a tug or barge referred to in paragraph (2), owned wholly or partly by a company shall not be registered unless the company has a minimum paid-up capital of \$50,000.

(2) A tug or barge owned wholly or partly by a local company which owns only tugs or barges or both shall not be registered unless each of the local company and its holding company, if any, has —

- (a) where the value of the tug or barge is not less than \$100,000, a minimum paid-up capital of —

- (i) 10% of the value of the tug or barge; or

- (ii) \$50,000,

whichever is the less; or

- (b) where the value of the tug or barge is less than \$100,000, a minimum paid-up capital of \$10,000.

(3) A bareboat charter ship shall not be registered by a bareboat charterer which —

- (a) is a company; and

- (b) is not the registered owner of any Singapore ship,

unless the bareboat charterer has a minimum paid-up capital of \$50,000.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any ship referred to in that paragraph which is owned wholly or partly by a company may be registered if the company, or any related corporation of the company —

- (a) has registered, applied to register or informed the Registrar that it will apply to register —

- (i) 2 ships having an aggregate tonnage of at least 40,000 net tons;

- (ii) 3 ships having an aggregate tonnage of at least 30,000 net tons;

- (iii) 4 ships having an aggregate tonnage of at least 20,000 net tons;

or