

Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Allotments) Regulations

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Allotments) Regulations.

Interpretation

2.—(1) A reference in these Regulations to a ship shall be read as a reference to a Singapore ship.

(2) A reference in these Regulations to a seaman shall be read as including a reference to the master of a ship.

Circumstances in which seaman may make allotment

3. A seaman employed under an agreement relating to one or more ships who —

- (a) is not exempted from the requirements of section 53 of the Act (which relates to crew agreements) by regulations made under that section; or
- (b) is employed in a ship which is not exempted from those requirements by such regulations,

may at any time while he is so employed, by means of an allotment note issued in accordance with these Regulations, allot part of his wages to any person or persons or to a savings bank.

Limitations on issue of allotment notes

4.—(1) Unless the seaman's employer or the master otherwise agrees, a seaman shall not allot more than one half of his wages.

(2) For the purposes of calculating the proportion of a seaman's wages specified in paragraph (1) —

- (a) the wages of a seaman shall be taken to be his wages calculated at the rate stipulated in the agreement under which he is employed without any addition (including overtime payments) or deduction whatsoever; and
- (b) an allotment note issued under the law in force immediately before 2nd February 1996 shall be treated as if it had been issued under these Regulations.

Times and intervals of payments under allotment notes

5. Unless the seaman's employer or the master otherwise agrees —

- (a) the first sum payable under an allotment note shall be payable not less than one month from the date on which the allotment note is issued and subsequent sums shall become payable at regular intervals of not less than one month reckoned from the date when the first sum is payable; and
- (b) no sum shall be payable under an allotment note before the seaman has