

# **Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations**

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**PART I**

## PRELIMINARY

### Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations.

### Definitions

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

“able seafarer deck” means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation II/5 of the Convention;

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“able seafarer engine” means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/5 of the Convention;

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“certificate of competency” means —

(a) a certificate of competency issued by the Director under these Regulations and in accordance with the STCW Code; or

(b) a certificate which is treated as equivalent to such a certificate by virtue of regulation 8,

but does not include a certificate of competency issued by a foreign maritime administration;

“certificate of proficiency” means a certificate, other than a certificate of competency, stating that the relevant requirements of training, competencies or seagoing service in the Convention have been met;

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“certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats” means a certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats issued by the Director under regulation 19 and in accordance with the STCW Code;

“certificate of service” means a certificate of service issued by the Director under regulation 5(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Deck Officers) Regulations (Rg 13, 1990 Ed.), or under regulation 5(2) of the Merchant Shipping (Marine Engineer Officers) Regulations (Rg 14, 1990 Ed.), which were in force immediately before 1st June 1994;

“chemical tanker” means a ship constructed or adopted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquid product listed in chapter 17 of the International Bulk

Chemical Code as may be amended by IMO and accepted by the Government;

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“chief engineer officer” means the senior engineer officer responsible for the mechanical propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical installations of the ship;

“chief mate” means the officer next in rank to the master and upon whom the command of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the master;

“Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union” means the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union signed at Geneva in 1992 and includes every revision or modification thereof to which the Government of Singapore is a party;

“Convention” means the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended on 7th July 1995 and any amendment thereto which has come into force and has been accepted by the Government;

“DSC Code” means the Code of Safety for Dynamically Supported Craft adopted by the IMO by resolution A.373(X) as may be amended by the IMO and accepted by the Government;

“electro-technical officer” means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/6 of the Convention;

*[S 681/2011 wef 01/01/2012]*

“electro-technical rating” means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/7 of the Convention;

*[S 681/2011 wef 01/01/2012]*

“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” means the area 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 in 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,