

Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2003

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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT

MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY CONVENTION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2003

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 100 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 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 (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2004.

Amendment of Regulation 1 of Chapter IV

2. Regulation 1 of Chapter IV of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations (Rg 11) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting paragraph (c).

Amendment of Regulation 3 of Chapter IV

3. Regulation 3 of Chapter IV of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by inserting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (b)(i);
- (b) by deleting the word “; or” at the end of paragraph (b)(ii) and substituting a full-stop; and
- (c) by deleting paragraph (iii) of paragraph (b).

Amendment of Regulation 4 of Chapter IV

4. Regulation 4 of Chapter IV of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “paragraphs (g) and (h) of Regulation 12 of Chapter V” in sub-paragraph (vi) and substituting the words “sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph (b)(iii) of Regulation 19 of Chapter V”.

Amendment of Regulation 7 of Chapter IV

5. Regulation 7 of Chapter IV of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraphs (b), (c) and (d).

Amendment of Regulation 12 of Chapter IV

6. Regulation 12 of Chapter IV of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (d).

Amendment of Regulation 14 of Chapter IV

7. Regulation 14 of Chapter IV of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Subject to paragraph (b), such” in paragraph (a) and substituting the word “Such”; and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (b).

Amendment of Regulation 21 of Chapter V

8. Regulation 21 of Chapter V of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by renumbering the regulation as paragraph (a) of that regulation, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(b) All ships shall carry an up-to-date copy of Volume III of the International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual.”; and
- (b) by deleting the regulation heading and substituting the following regulation heading:

“International Code of Signals and IAMSAR Manual”.

Amendment of Regulation 2 of Chapter VI

9. Regulation 2 of Chapter VI of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “Regulation 2 of Chapter VII” in paragraph (b)(iii) and substituting the words “the IMDG Code, as defined in Regulation 1 of Chapter VII”.

Amendment of Regulation 5 of Chapter VI

10. Regulation 5 of Chapter VI of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Cargo and cargo units” in paragraph (a) and substituting the words “Cargo, cargo units* and cargo transport units**”;
- (b) by deleting the words “Cargo carried in a cargo unit” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “Cargo, cargo units and cargo transport units”;
- (c) by deleting the words “within the unit” in paragraph (b);
- (d) by deleting the words “cargo units” wherever they appear in paragraph (d) and substituting in each case the words “cargo units and cargo transport units”;

- (e) by deleting the word “Containers” in the 1st line of paragraph (e) and substituting the words “Freight containers”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the word “(CSC)” in paragraph (e), the words “, as amended”;
- (g) by deleting paragraph (f) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(f) All cargoes, other than solid and liquid bulk cargoes, cargo units and cargo transport units shall be loaded, stowed and secured throughout the voyage in accordance with the Cargo Securing Manual approved by the Director. In ships with ro-ro spaces, as defined in paragraph (oo) of Regulation 3 of Chapter II-2, all securing of such cargoes, cargo units and cargo transport units, in accordance with the Cargo Securing Manual, shall be completed before the ship leaves the berth. The Cargo Securing Manual shall be drawn up to a standard at least equivalent to relevant guidelines developed by the Organisation***.”; and

- (h) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (f), the following footnotes:

“* Refer to the Code of Safe Practice for Cargo Stowage and Securing, adopted by the Organisation by resolution A.714(17), as amended.

† Refer to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code, adopted by the Organisation by resolution MSC.122(75).

‡ Refer to the Guidelines on the preparation of the cargo securing manual (MSC/Circ.745).”.

Amendment of Regulation 6 of Chapter VI

11. Regulation 6 of Chapter VI of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “Regulation 2 of Chapter VII” in paragraph (c) and substituting the words “the IMDG Code, as defined in Regulation 1 of Chapter VII”.

Deletion and substitution of Part A of Chapter VII

12. Part A of Chapter VII of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following Parts substituted therefor:

“PART A — CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS IN PACKAGED FORM

Regulation 1

Definitions

For the purpose of this Chapter, unless expressly provided otherwise —

“dangerous goods” means the substances, materials and articles covered by the IMDG Code;

“IMDG Code” means the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the Organisation by resolution MSC.122(75), as may be amended by the Organisation, provided that such amendments are adopted and brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of article VIII of the Convention concerning the amendment procedures applicable to the Annex other than Chapter I;

“packaged form” means the form of containment specified in the IMDG Code.

Regulation 2

Application¹

¹ Refer to part D which contains special requirements for the carriage of INF cargo; and Regulation II-2/19 which contains special requirements for ships carrying dangerous goods

“(a) Unless expressly provided otherwise, this Part applies to the carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form in all ships to which these Regulations apply and in cargo ships of less than 500 tons.

(b) The provisions of this Part do not apply to ships’ stores and equipment.

(c) The carriage of dangerous goods in packaged form is prohibited except in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

(d) To supplement the provisions of this Part, the Emergency Response Procedures for Ships Carrying Dangerous Goods (EmS Guide) and the Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods (MFAG) published by the Organisation shall be complied with.

Regulation 3