

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Pilotage) Regulations 1997

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MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE ACT 1996
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MARITIME AND PORT AUTHORITY OF SINGAPORE (PILOTAGE)
REGULATIONS 1997

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 76(1) of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act 1996, the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, with the

approval of the Minister for Communications, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement and application

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Pilotage) Regulations 1997 and shall come into operation on 9th April 1997.

(2) These Regulations shall apply to any pilotage district.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

“Collision Regulations” means the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Regulations (Cap. 179, Rg 10);

“dangerous cargoes” has the same meaning as in regulation 2 of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Port) Regulations 1997 (G.N. No. S 187/97);

“pilot” means an authorised pilot;

“Port Health Officer” has the same meaning as in the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap. 137).

Duty to exhibit required flags and lights

3.—(1) There shall be exhibited on a vessel engaged on pilotage duty —

(a) during the hours between 0700 hours and 1900 hours, a red and white flag 1.8 metres by 1.2 metres in size —

(i) showing the letter “P” coloured blue in the centre; and

(ii) divided horizontally with the upper half of the flag coloured white and the lower half coloured red; and

(b) during the hours between 1900 hours and 0700 hours, 2 all-round lights at or near the masthead and in a vertical line, the upper light being white and the lower red.

(2) There shall be exhibited on a vessel requiring the service of a pilot —

(a) during the hours between 0700 hours and 1900 hours, the flag “G” of the International Code of Signals 1969; and

(b) during the hours between 1900 hours and 0700 hours, 3 all-round lights in a vertical line —

- (i) the highest and middle lights to be white and the lowest light to be red; and
- (ii) the vertical spacings between the lights to be in accordance with the Collision Regulations.

(3) During the hours between 0700 hours and 1900 hours, there shall be exhibited on a vessel under pilotage the flag “H” of the International Code of Signals 1969.

(4) It is the duty of the master of a vessel engaged on pilotage duty to ensure that the flag and lights are appropriately exhibited.

Pilot’s duties in relation to vessel proceeding to Quarantine Anchorage

4.—(1) A pilot may board any vessel displaying an international quarantine signal for the purpose of piloting her to the Quarantine Anchorage.

(2) Where the master of a vessel has reported a suspected case of plague on board his vessel, the pilot —

- (a) shall not allow any other person in his launch to board the vessel;
- (b) shall not leave the vessel except with the permission of the Port Health Officer; and
- (c) shall submit himself to vaccination, or other quarantine precautions, as the nature of the case may require.

Pilot to carry licence and other documents

5. A pilot shall when on duty —

- (a) carry his licence with him and such other documents as the Port Master may direct; and
- (b) make the licence and documents referred to in paragraph (a) available for inspection by the master of any vessel employing him.

Pilot to be conversant with laws and duties

6. A pilot shall make himself conversant, and shall comply, with all written laws and the directives of the Authority relating to his duties.

Refusal to conduct vessels

7. A pilot who refuses the conduct of any vessel for any reason shall give his reasons