

**Merchant Shipping (Crew Agreements, Lists of Crew and Discharge of Seamen)
Regulations 1996**

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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT 1995
(ACT 19 OF 1995)

MERCHANT SHIPPING (CREW AGREEMENTS, LISTS OF CREW AND
DISCHARGE OF SEAMEN) REGULATIONS 1996

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 54 and 216 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995, the Minister for Communications hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Crew Agreements, Lists of Crew and Discharge of Seamen) Regulations 1996 and shall come into operation on 2nd February 1996.

Exemption from requirements of section 53 of Act

2. The requirements of section 53 of the Act relating to crew agreements shall not apply to —

- (a) any ship belonging to the Government or a statutory body; or
- (b) any ship proceeding to sea solely for the purpose of trials of the ship, its machinery or equipment.

Carrying copy of crew agreement in ships

3.—(1) A ship required under section 53 of the Act to carry a crew agreement may, in the case of an agreement which relates both to that ship and to other ships and which is kept at an address ashore in Singapore, comply with that requirement by carrying a copy of the crew agreement certified in the manner provided by paragraph (2).

(2) A copy of a crew agreement carried in a ship in accordance with paragraph (1) shall bear a certificate signed by the master certifying that it is a true copy of the crew agreement and specifying the address in Singapore at which the crew agreement is kept and the name of the person by whom it is so kept.

Delivery of crew agreements

4.—(1) The master or employer shall —

- (a) when a crew agreement is made, deliver a duplicate copy of the agreement to the Director;
- (b) notify the Director in a form approved by the Director of any subsequent

engagement or discharge (otherwise than under sub-paragraph (c)) of a seaman under an existing agreement; and

- (c) deliver the crew agreement to the Director when the last person remaining employed under the crew agreement is discharged,

as the case may be, within the period specified in paragraph (2).

(2) The period referred to in paragraph (1) is —

- (a) in the case where the ship to which the crew agreement relates is in Singapore, 2 days from the date on which the crew agreement or subsequent engagement or discharge, as the case may be, is made; and
- (b) in the case where the ship to which the crew agreement relates is not in Singapore, 21 days from the date on which the crew agreement or subsequent engagement or discharge is made.

Posting of crew agreements

5. The master shall cause —

- (a) a legible copy of any crew agreement relating to the ship, omitting the signatures; or
- (b) an extract containing the terms of that agreement applicable —
 - (i) to all seamen employed under it; and
 - (ii) to each description of seamen so employed,

to be posted in a conspicuous place on board the ship where it may be read by the persons employed under the crew agreement and he shall cause it to be kept so posted and legible so long as any seaman is employed in the ship under the crew agreement.

Supply and production of copy documents

6. Upon a seaman making a demand of his employer or of the master, the employer or the master, as the case may be, shall —

- (a) cause to be supplied to him a copy of the crew agreement under which he is employed or such extracts therefrom as are necessary to show the terms on which he is employed; and
- (b) cause to be made available to him a copy of any document referred to in the agreement.