

Merchant Shipping (Crew Accommodation) Regulations

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PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Definitions

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

“approved” means approved by the Director or by an authorised organisation;

“authorised organisation” means an organisation authorised by the Minister under section 116 of the Act for the survey or inspection of Singapore ships and the issue of any certificate under Part V of the Act;

“crew accommodation” includes such sleeping rooms, mess rooms, sanitary accommodation, hospital accommodation and recreation accommodation as are provided for the use of the crew;

“existing ship” means a ship which is not a new ship;

“new ship” means a ship of which the keel is laid, or which is at a similar stage of construction, on or after 1st December 1997;

“officer” means a person other than a master designated as such by the crew agreement made under section 53 of the Act;

“petty officer” means a rating serving in a supervisory position or a position of special responsibility who is designated as such by the crew agreement made under section 53 of the Act;

“rating” means a member of the crew other than the master or an officer;

“ship” means a ship to which these Regulations apply;

“special limit voyage” means a voyage within the following limits: from a point where the longitude 103° 00' East cuts the West coast of Johore, thence due South to latitude 00° 30' North, thence due East to longitude 105° 00' East, thence due North to latitude 01° 00' North, thence to the point 02° 00' North, 104° 15' East, thence due West to the coast of Johore and thence following the coast of Johore Westwards to the starting point;

“surveyor of ships” means a person appointed as a surveyor of ships under section 5 of the Act;

“tons” means gross tonnage measured in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations (Rg 12);

“tug” means a ship constructed or adapted primarily to engage in towing or similar pursuits.

Application and exemption

3.—(1) Unless otherwise expressly provided, these Regulations —

(a) shall apply to all new ships, subject to sub-paragraph (c);

(b) shall not apply to any existing ship, subject to sub-paragraph (c), unless —

(i) the owner of the ship so requests; or

- (ii) the crew accommodation in such ship is substantially altered or reconstructed and such alteration or reconstruction takes place on or after 1st December 1997;
- (c) shall not apply to —
 - (i) ships of less than 500 tons;
 - (ii) ships primarily propelled by sail but having auxiliary engines;
 - (iii) ships engaged in fishing or in similar pursuits;
 - (iv) tugs; or
 - (v) ships exclusively engaged on special limit voyages.

(2) These Regulations shall be applied where reasonable and practicable to —

- (a) ships between 200 and 500 tons; and
- (b) ships engaged in whaling or in similar pursuits.

(3) The Director may exempt any ship from any of these Regulations either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he thinks fit if he is satisfied that compliance with that regulation is either impracticable or unreasonable in respect of that ship.

PART II

PLANNING AND CONTROL OF CREW ACCOMMODATION

Plans

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3), before the construction of a ship is begun, a plan of the ship, showing the location and general arrangement of the crew accommodation, shall be submitted to the Director or an authorised organisation for approval.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), before —

- (a) the construction of the crew accommodation in a new ship is begun; or
- (b) the crew accommodation in an existing ship is substantially altered or reconstructed,

detailed plans of, and information concerning, the accommodation, showing the

allocation of each space, the disposition of furniture and fittings, the means and arrangement of ventilation, lighting and heating and the sanitary arrangements, shall be submitted to the Director or an authorised organisation for approval.

(3) Where —

- (a) permission is granted by the Director or an authorised organisation; or
- (b) an alteration or reconstruction of the crew accommodation in a ship is temporary or is being carried out as a consequence of an emergency or an accident,

the plans referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) may be submitted to the Director or an authorised organisation as soon as practicable.

Surveys and certificates

5.—(1) The survey of ships, so far as regards the enforcement of the provisions of these Regulations, shall be carried out by a surveyor of ships or an authorised organisation.

(2) A ship shall be surveyed on every occasion when —

- (a) it is registered;
- (b) its crew accommodation has been substantially altered or reconstructed; or
- (c) the Director has reason to believe that its crew accommodation does not comply with the provisions of these Regulations.

(3) After a survey under paragraph (2), a ship which complies with these Regulations shall be issued with a crew accommodation certificate by the Director or an authorised organisation.

(4) The crew accommodation certificate issued under paragraph (3) shall be in Form 1 set out in the Schedule.

(5) When a ship is exempted from any of these Regulations under regulation 3, an exemption certificate for crew accommodation in respect of the ship shall be issued by the Director or an authorised organisation.

(6) The exemption certificate for crew accommodation issued under paragraph (5) shall be in Form 2 set out in the Schedule.

(7) The certificates issued under paragraphs (3) and (5) shall be posted up in a prominent and accessible place in the ship.