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INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION

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No. 3792. CONVENTION¹ (No. 68) CONCERNING FOOD AND CATERING FOR CREWS ON BOARD SHIP, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION AT ITS TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION, SEATTLE, 27 JUNE 1946, AS MODIFIED BY THE FINAL ARTICLES REVISION CONVENTION, 1946

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Having been convened at Seattle by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office, and having met in its Twenty-eighth Session on 6 June 1946, and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to food and catering for crews on board ship, which is the fourth item on the agenda of the Session, and

Having determined that these proposals shall take the form of an international Convention,

adopts this twenty-seventh day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-six the following Convention, which may be cited as the Food and Catering (Ships' Crews) Convention, 1946 :

Article 1

1. Every Member of the International Labour Organisation for which this Convention is in force is responsible for the promotion of a proper standard of food supply and catering service for the crews of its sea-going vessels, whether publicly or privately owned, which are engaged in the transport of cargo or passengers for the purpose of trade and registered in a territory for which this Convention is in force.

¹ In accordance with article 15, the Convention came into force on 24 March 1957 in respect of the following States, on behalf of which the instruments of ratification were registered with the Director-General of the International Labour Office on the dates specified below (asterisk indicates States which have at least one million gross register tons of shipping) :

*Argentina	24 September 1956	*Italy	22 October 1952
Belgium	5 December 1951	Poland	13 April 1954
Bulgaria	29 December 1949	Portugal	13 June 1952
*Canada	19 March 1951	*United Kingdom of Great	
*France	9 December 1948	Britain and Northern	
Ireland	12 June 1956	Ireland	6 August 1953

The Convention has been subsequently ratified by *Norway, and this ratification was registered with the Director-General of the International Labour Office on 28 January 1957, to take effect on 28 July 1957.

2. National laws or regulations or, in the absence of such laws or regulations, collective agreements between employers and workers, shall determine the vessels or classes of vessels which are to be regarded as sea-going vessels for the purpose of this Convention.

Article 2

The following functions shall be discharged by the competent authority, except in so far as these functions are adequately discharged in virtue of collective agreements :

- (a) the framing and enforcement of regulations concerning food and water supplies, catering, and the construction, location, ventilation, heating, lighting, water system and equipment of galleys and other catering department spaces on board ship, including store rooms and refrigerated chambers ;
- (b) the inspection of food and water supplies and of the accommodation, arrangements and equipment on board ship for the storage, handling and preparation of food ;
- (c) the certification of such members of the catering department staff as are required to possess prescribed qualifications ;
- (d) research into, and educational and propaganda work concerning, methods of ensuring proper food supply and catering service.

Article 3

1. The competent authority shall work in close co-operation with the organisations of shipowners and seafarers and with national or local authorities concerned with questions of food and health, and may where necessary utilise the services of such authorities.

2. The activities of the various authorities shall be duly co-ordinated so as to avoid overlapping or uncertainty of jurisdiction.

Article 4

The competent authority shall have a permanent staff of qualified persons, including inspectors.

Article 5

1. Each Member shall maintain in force laws or regulations concerning food supply and catering arrangements designed to secure the health and well-being of the crews of the vessels mentioned in Article 1.

2. These laws or regulations shall require :

- (a) the provision of food and water supplies which, having regard to the size of the crew and the duration and nature of the voyage, are suitable in respect of quantity, nutritive value, quality and variety ;
- (b) the arrangement and equipment of the catering department in every vessel in such a manner as to permit of the service of proper meals to the members of the crew.

Article 6

National laws or regulations shall provide for a system of inspection by the competent authority of :

- (a) supplies of food and water ;
- (b) all spaces and equipment used for the storage and handling of food and water ;
- (c) galley and other equipment for the preparation and service of meals ; and
- (d) the qualification of such members of the catering department of the crew as are required by such laws or regulations to possess prescribed qualifications.

Article 7

1. National laws or regulations or, in the absence of such laws or regulations, collective agreements between employers and workers shall provide for inspection at sea at prescribed intervals by the master, or an officer specially deputed for the purpose by him, together with a responsible member of the catering department of :

- (a) supplies of food and water ;
- (b) all spaces and equipment used for the storage and handling of food and water, and galley and other equipment for the preparation and service of meals.

2. The results of each such inspection shall be recorded.

Article 8

A special inspection shall be made by the representatives of the competent authority of the territory of registration on written complaint made by a number or proportion of the crew prescribed by national laws or regulations or on behalf of a recognised organisation of shipowners or seafarers. In order to avoid delay in sailing, such complaints should be submitted as soon as possible and at least twenty-four hours before the scheduled time of departure from port.