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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT
(CHAPTER 179)

MERCHANT SHIPPING (PROVISIONS AND WATER)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 70 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 (Provisions and Water) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2014.

Amendment of regulation 3

2. Regulation 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Provisions and Water) Regulations (Rg 24) is amended by deleting the word “seaman” wherever it appears in paragraphs (1) and (2) and substituting in each case the words “crew member”.

New regulations 5, 6 and 7

3. The Merchant Shipping (Provisions and Water) Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 4, the following regulations:

“Considerations in providing provisions and water

5. The shipowner and the master of a ship shall ensure that provisions and drinking water are provided on the ship which are suitable in respect of quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety, taking into account —

- (a) the number of crew members on board and the character, nature and duration of the voyage; and

- (b) the different religious requirements and cultural practices in relation to provisions of the crew members on board.

Inspections

6.—(1) The master of a ship shall ensure that the following inspections are carried out at least once a week:

- (a) the supplies of provisions and drinking water on board are inspected to check for compliance with regulations 3, 4 and 5;
- (b) all spaces and equipment used for the storage and handling of provisions and drinking water are inspected to ensure hygienic conditions; and
- (c) the galley and other equipment for the preparation and service of meals are inspected to ensure hygienic conditions.

(2) Every inspection under paragraph (1) shall be carried out by —

- (a) the master of the ship; or
- (b) a person authorised by the master.

(3) The master of the ship shall ensure that the results of any inspection referred to in paragraph (1) are recorded in the official log-book of the ship.

Organisation and equipment of catering department

7.—(1) The shipowner and the master of a ship shall ensure that the organisation and equipment of the catering department permits the preparation and service of adequate, varied and nutritious meals in hygienic conditions.

(2) In paragraph (1), “catering department” means the galley, mess rooms and any other area on board the ship which is intended or used for the storage or preparation of provisions for crew members or the service of meals to crew members.”.

Made this 12th day of March 2014.

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Singapore.

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