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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT
(CHAPTER 179)

MERCHANT SHIPPING (TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND
MANNING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 47, 100 and 216 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 (Training, Certification and Manning) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2014.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “master”, the following definitions:

““medical fitness certificate” has the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Act 2014 (Act 6 of 2014);

“MLC ship” means a ship to which the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Act 2014 applies;”.

Deletion of regulation 11A

3. Regulation 11A of the principal Regulations is deleted.

Amendment of regulation 12**4. Regulation 12 of the principal Regulations is amended —**

- (a) by deleting the words “medical fitness (including eyesight and hearing), and professional competence, as may be specified by the Director” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “professional competence, as may be specified by the Director and shall hold a medical fitness certificate”;
- (b) by deleting the words “medical fitness (including eyesight and hearing), and professional competence, as may be specified by the Director” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “professional competence, as may be specified by the Director and shall hold a medical fitness certificate”;
- (c) by deleting the words “medical fitness (including eyesight and hearing), and professional competence, as may be specified by the Director” in paragraph (2A) and substituting the words “professional competence, as may be specified by the Director and shall hold a medical fitness certificate”; and
- (d) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) The Director may refuse to revalidate a certificate of competency, type rating certificate or WIG craft officer certificate, as the case may be, if the holder of that certificate does not hold a medical fitness certificate or if the Director is of the opinion that he is not a fit and proper person.”.

Amendment of regulation 16**5. Regulation 16 of the principal Regulations is amended —**

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “foreign-going ship” in paragraph (1), the words “to which the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Act 2014 does not apply,”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(2) Every MLC ship, whether self-propelled or otherwise, carrying 100 or more persons on an international voyage of more than 3 days, shall carry a qualified medical practitioner engaged to provide medical care to persons onboard.

(3) In this regulation —

“international voyage” means a voyage from Singapore to a port or place outside Singapore, or conversely, or a voyage between ports or places outside Singapore;

“qualified medical practitioner” has the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Act 2014.”; and

(c) by deleting the regulation heading and substituting the following regulation heading:

“Requirement to carry qualified medical practitioners”.

Amendment of regulation 20

6. Regulation 20(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (g) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(g) arrangements are made to provide rest periods for —

- (i) watchkeeping personnel, and those whose duties involve designated safety, security and prevention of pollution duties on board any ship, other than an MLC ship, in accordance with the provisions of section A-VIII/1 of the STCW Code; or
- (ii) seafarers on board any MLC ship in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Act 2014;”.

Made this 12th day of March 2014.

LUCIEN WONG
Chairman,
Maritime and Port Authority of
Singapore.

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