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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT (CHAPTER 179)

MERCHANT SHIPPING (TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND MANNING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2016

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, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 and come into operation on 1 January 2017.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations (Rg 1) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “HSC Code”, the following definition:

“ “IGF Code” means the International Code of Safety for Ships Using Gases or Other Low-flashpoint Fuels, as defined in SOLAS regulation II-1/2.29;” and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “oil tanker”, the following definitions:

“ “Polar Code” means the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters, as defined in SOLAS regulation XIV/1.1;

“Polar Waters” means Arctic waters and/or the Antarctic area, as defined in SOLAS regulations XIV/1.2 to XIV/1.4;”.

Amendment of regulation 11

3. Regulation 11 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(a) the standards of competency or standards of proficiency to be attained and the conditions to be satisfied by a person before the person may be issued with an endorsed certificate of competency or endorsed certificate of proficiency (as the case may be), of a particular class under these Regulations, including any exceptions applicable with respect to any such standards or conditions;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the words “classes of cargo” in paragraph (1)(b), the words “, or on ships to which the Convention applies”; and

(c) by inserting, immediately after the words “certificate of competency,” in paragraph (3), the words “certificate of proficiency,”.

Amendment of regulation 15

4. Regulation 15 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) A master, chief mate, chief engineer officer, second engineer officer, deck officer, marine engineer officer or rating carried on a ship to which Chapter V of the Convention, the DSC Code, the HSC Code, the IGF Code or the Polar Code applies, must be a person —

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- (a) who is qualified under these Regulations;
and
 - (b) who has been certified by the Director as having satisfied the condition as to training and service as the Director may specify.”;
and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) The Director may refuse to certify that any person —

- (a) has satisfied the condition as to training and service as the Director may specify under paragraph (1); or
- (b) has completed such additional training and service as the Director may specify under paragraph (2),

if in the Director’s opinion the person is not a fit and proper person to act as master, chief mate, chief engineer officer, second engineer officer, deck officer, marine engineer officer, cargo officer or rating, or to assume or be charged with any duty or immediate responsibility on board ships to which Chapter V of the Convention, the DSC Code, the HSC Code, the IGF Code or the Polar Code applies.”.

Amendment of regulation 21

5. Regulation 21(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “or the WIG Craft Regulations” in sub-paragraph (b)(i) and (ii) and substituting in each case the words “, the WIG Craft Regulations, the IGF Code or the Polar Code”.

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S 183/2014]*

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