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**MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT
(CHAPTER 179)**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY CONVENTION)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2014**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 100 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 (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and shall come into operation on 1st July 2014.

Amendment of Regulation 12 of Chapter I

2. Regulation 12 of Chapter I of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations (Rg 11) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting sub-paragraphs (v), (vi) and (vii) of paragraph (a) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

“(v)(1) A certificate called a Cargo Ship Safety Certificate may be issued after an initial or renewal survey to a cargo ship which complies with the relevant requirements of Chapters II-1, II-2, III, IV and V and any other relevant requirements of these Regulations, as an alternative to the certificates referred to sub-paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv);

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- (2) A reference in this Chapter to a Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate, Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate or Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate shall, in the case where a Cargo Ship Safety Certificate is issued under sub-paragraph (1), include a reference to a Cargo Ship Safety Certificate.
 - (vi) The Passenger Ship Safety Certificate, the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate and the Cargo Ship Safety Radio Certificate referred to in sub-paragraphs (i), (iii) and (iv), or the Cargo Ship Safety Certificate referred to in sub-paragraph (v), as the case may be, shall be supplemented by a Record of Equipment in the form set out in the Second Schedule.
 - (vii) When an exemption is granted to a ship under and in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, a certificate referred to as an Exemption Certificate shall be issued in addition to the certificates prescribed in this paragraph.
 - (viii) The certificates referred to in this Regulation shall be issued or endorsed either by the Director or by an authorised organisation.”.

New Regulation 3-12 of Chapter II-1

3. Chapter II-1 of the principal Regulations is amended by inserting, immediately after Regulation 3-11, the following Regulation:

“Regulation 3-12

Protection against Noise

- (a) This Regulation shall apply to ships of 1,600 gross tonnage and above —
 - (i) for which the building contract is placed on or after 1st July 2014;

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- (ii) in the absence of a building contract, the keels of which are laid or which are at a similar stage of construction on or after 1st January 2015; or
 - (iii) the delivery of which is on or after 1st July 2018,
- unless the Director deems that compliance with a particular provision is unreasonable or impractical.

(b) On ships delivered before 1st July 2018 and —

- (i) contracted for construction before 1st July 2014 and the keels of which are laid, or which are at a similar stage of construction, on or after 1st January 2009 but before 1st January 2015; or
- (ii) in the absence of a building contract, the keels of which are laid, or which are at a similar stage of construction, on or after 1st January 2009 but before 1st January 2015,

measures* shall be taken to reduce machinery noise in machinery spaces to acceptable levels as determined by the Director. If this noise cannot be sufficiently reduced, the source of excessive noise shall be suitably insulated or isolated, or a refuge from noise shall be provided if the spaces are required to be manned. Ear protectors shall be provided for personnel required to enter such spaces, if necessary.

*Refer to the Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships, adopted by the Organisation by resolution A.468(XII).

(c) Ships shall be constructed to reduce onboard noise and to protect personnel from the noise in accordance with the Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships, adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee by resolution MSC.337(91), as may be amended by the Organisation, provided that such amendments are adopted, brought into force and take effect in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII of the present Convention concerning the amendment procedures applicable to these Regulations other than Chapter I. For the purpose of this Regulation, although the Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships is treated as a mandatory instrument, recommendatory parts as

specified in Chapter I of the Code shall be treated as non-mandatory, provided that amendments to such recommendatory parts are adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee in accordance with its Rules of Procedure.

(d) Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (a), this Regulation does not apply to the types of ships listed in paragraph 1.3.4 of the Code on Noise Levels on Board Ships.”.

Deletion of Regulation 36 of Chapter II-1

4. Regulation 36 of Chapter II-1 of the principal Regulations is deleted.

Amendment of Regulation 1 of Chapter II-2

5. Regulation 1 of Chapter II-2 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “*Application*” in the Regulation heading and substituting the word “*Application**”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately below the Regulation heading, the following footnote:

“* The application date of 1st July 2012 was introduced by resolution MSC.308(88). However, this resolution amended paragraph (w) (definition of “Fire Test Procedures Code”) of Regulation 3 of Chapter II-2, and inserted sub-paragraph (3) of Regulation 7(d)(i) of Chapter II-2 only, and all other Regulations with the original application date of 1st July 2002 were not amended.”;

- (c) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (b)(iv)(5);
- (d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (b)(iv)(6) and substituting a semi-colon;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (6) of paragraph (b)(iv), the following sub-paragraphs:

“(7) cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards and passenger ships constructed on or after 1st February 1992 but before 1st July 2002 need not comply with Regulation 19(c)(iii) provided

that they comply with Regulation 54(b)(iii) as adopted by resolution MSC.13(57); and

- (8) cargo ships of 500 gross tonnage and upwards and passenger ships constructed on or after 1st September 1984 but before 1st July 2002 need not comply with Regulations 19(c)(i), 19(c)(v), 19(c)(vi) and 19(c)(ix), provided that they comply with Regulations 54(b)(i), 54(b)(v), 54(b)(vi) and 54(b)(ix) as adopted by resolution MSC.1(XLV).”; and

- (f) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (b), the following sub-paragraph:

“(v) Ships constructed before 1st July 2012 shall also comply with Regulation 10(j)(i)(2), as adopted by resolution MSC.338(91).”.

Amendment of Regulation 9 of Chapter II-2

6. Regulation 9 of Chapter II-2 of the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting “A-15” in column (11), row (2) of table 9.3 and substituting “A-30^g”;
- (b) by deleting “A-15” in column (11), row (4) of table 9.3 and substituting “A-30^g”;
- (c) by deleting “A-0” in column (11), row (11) of table 9.3 and substituting “A-30^g”;
- (d) by deleting “A-30” in column (11), row (1) of table 9.4 and substituting “A-60^g”;
- (e) by deleting “A-0” in column (11), row (2) of table 9.4 and substituting “A-30^g”;
- (f) by deleting “A-0” in column (11), row (4) of table 9.4 and substituting “A-30^g”;
- (g) by deleting “A-0” in column (11), row (11) of table 9.4 and substituting “A-30^g”;