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MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT
(CHAPTER 179)

MERCHANT SHIPPING
(TRAINING, CERTIFICATION AND MANNING)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

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 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2012.

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 —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “certificate of competency”, the following definitions:

““able seafarer deck” means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation II/5 of the Convention;

“able seafarer engine” means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/5 of the Convention;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “certificate of competency”, the following definition:

““certificate of proficiency” means a certificate, other than a certificate of competency, stating that the relevant requirements of training, competencies or seagoing service in the Convention have been met;”;

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- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “certificate of service”, the following definition:
- “ “chemical tanker” means a ship constructed or adopted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquid product listed in chapter 17 of the International Bulk Chemical Code as may be amended by IMO and accepted by the Government;”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “DSC Code”, the following definitions:
- “ “electro-technical officer” means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/6 of the Convention;
- “electro-technical rating” means a rating qualified in accordance with the provisions of regulation III/7 of the Convention;”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea”, the following definitions:
- “ “ISPS Code” means the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code adopted on 12th December 2002 by resolution 2 of the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea as may be amended by the IMO and accepted by the Government;
- “liquefied gas tanker” means a ship constructed or adopted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquefied gas or other product listed in chapter 19 of the International Gas Carrier Code as may be amended by IMO and accepted by the Government;”;
- (f) by deleting the definition of “power” and substituting the following definitions:
- “ “oil tanker” means a ship constructed and used for carriage of petroleum products in bulk;
- “propulsion power” means the total maximum continuous rated output power, in kilowatts, of all the ship’s main propulsion machinery which appears on the ship’s certificate of registry or other official document;”;

(g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “revoked Regulations”, the following definition:

“ “ro-ro passenger ship” means a passenger ship with ro-ro spaces or special category spaces as defined in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea as may be amended by the IMO and accepted by the Government;”; and

(h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “second engineer officer”, the following definition:

“ “security duties” include all security tasks and duties on board ships as defined by chapter XI-2 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea and the ISPS Code, as may be amended by the IMO and accepted by the Government;”.

Amendment of regulation 5

3. Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (1)(e);

(b) by deleting sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

“(f) Certificate of Competency (Deck Officer) Class 4 (Special Limit);

(g) Certificate of Competency (Deck Officer) Class 5 (Special Limit); and

(h) Certificate of Competency (Deck Officer) Class 6.”; and

(c) by deleting the words “Class 4 Certificate of Competency” in paragraph (3) and substituting the words “Certificate of Competency (Deck Officer) Class 4 (Home-Trade Master)”.

Amendment of regulation 6

4. Regulation 6(1) of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (d); and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (e) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraphs:

- “(f) Certificate of Competency (Marine Engineer Officer) Class 4 (Special Limit);
- (g) Certificate of Competency (Marine Engineer Officer) Class 5 (Special Limit); and
- (h) Certificate of Competency (Electro-technical Officer).”.

New regulation 11A

5. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 11, the following regulation:

“Medical standards

11A.—(1) The Director may determine the requirements for —

- (a) the standards of medical fitness and conditions to be satisfied by a qualified officer, rating or any other seafarer on board a ship, in accordance with the Convention and STCW Code;
- (b) the conditions to be complied with for recognition of medical practitioners for assessing the medical fitness of seafarers and for medical certification;
- (c) the information to be provided in the medical certificate issued to a seafarer and its validity; and
- (d) recognition of medical certificates issued to a seafarer by a foreign medical practitioner issued in accordance with the requirements of the Convention.

(2) The Director may publish the requirements determined under paragraph (1) in the manner he thinks fit.

(3) The Director may, in his discretion and subject to such terms as he thinks fit to impose, exempt any person from any requirement determined by him under paragraph (1) and may, upon giving reasonable notice to that person, at any time withdraw the exemption.”.