

# **Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2000**

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### **MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT (CHAPTER 179)**

#### **MERCHANT SHIPPING (SAFETY CONVENTION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2000**

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 Communications and Information Technology, hereby makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and shall come into operation on 3rd February 2000.

#### **Amendment of Regulation 2 of Chapter I**

**2.** Regulation 2 of Chapter I of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Regulations (Rg 11) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “age of ship”, the following definition:

“ “Anniversary date” means the day and the month of each year which will correspond to the date of expiry of the relevant certificate;”.

#### **Amendment of Regulation 6 of Chapter I**

**3.** Regulation 6 of Chapter I of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) The inspection and survey of ships, so far as regards the enforcement of the provisions of these Regulations and the granting of exemptions therefrom, shall be carried out by surveyors of ships or authorised organisations except that the granting of exemptions shall be with the approval of the Director.”.

## Amendment of Regulation 7 of Chapter I

### 4. Regulation 7 of Chapter I of the principal Regulations is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraphs (a) and (b)(i) and (ii) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) A passenger ship shall be subject to the surveys specified below —

- (i) an initial survey before the ship is put in service;
- (ii) a renewal survey once every 12 months, except where Regulation 14(b), (e), (f) and (g) is applicable; and
- (iii) additional surveys, as the occasion arises.

(b) The surveys referred to above shall be carried out as follows:

- (i) The initial survey shall include a complete inspection of the ship’s structure, machinery and equipment, including the outside of the ship’s bottom and the inside and outside of the boilers. This survey shall be such as to ensure that the arrangements, materials and scantlings of the structure, boilers and other pressure vessels and their appurtenances, main and auxiliary machinery, electrical installation, radio installations including those used in life-saving appliances, fire protection, fire safety systems and appliances, life-saving appliances and arrangements, shipborne navigational equipment, nautical publications, means of embarkation for pilots and other equipment, fully comply with the requirements of these Regulations, for ships of the service for which it is intended. The survey shall also be such as to ensure that the workmanship of all

parts of the ship and its equipment is in all respects satisfactory, and that the ship is provided with the lights, shapes, means of making sound signals and distress signals as required by the provisions of these Regulations and of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Regulations (Rg 10) in force.

- (ii) The renewal survey shall include an inspection of the structure, boilers and other pressure vessels, machinery and equipment, including the outside of the ship's bottom. The survey shall be such as to ensure that the ship, as regards the structure, boilers and other pressure vessels and their appurtenances, main and auxiliary machinery, electrical installation, radio installations including those used in life-saving appliances, fire protection, fire safety systems and appliances, life-saving appliances and arrangements, shipborne navigational equipment, nautical publications, means of embarkation for pilots and other equipment is in satisfactory condition and is fit for the service for which it is intended, and that it complies with the requirements of these Regulations. The lights, shapes, means of making sound signals and distress signals carried by the ship shall also be subject to the abovementioned survey for the purpose of ensuring that they comply with the requirements of these Regulations and of the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Regulations in force.”; and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “force” at the end of paragraph (b)(iii), the words “, and such that the ship is fit for the service for which it

is intended.”.

### **Deletion and substitution of Regulation 8 of Chapter I**

5. Regulation 8 of Chapter I of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following Regulation substituted therefor:

**“REGULATION 8 — *SURVEYS OF LIFE-SAVING APPLIANCES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT OF CARGO SHIPS***

(a) The life-saving appliances and other equipment of cargo ships of 500 tons and upwards as referred to in paragraph (b) (i) shall be subject to the surveys specified below —

- (i) an initial survey before the ship is put in service;
- (ii) a renewal survey at intervals of 5 years, except where Regulation 14(b), (e), (f) and (g) is applicable;
- (iii) a periodical survey within 3 months before or after the second anniversary date or within 3 months before or after the third anniversary date of the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate which shall take the place of one of the annual surveys specified in sub-paragraph (iv);
- (iv) an annual survey within 3 months before or after each anniversary date of the Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate;
- (v) an additional survey as prescribed for passenger ships in Regulation 7(b)(iii).

(b) The surveys referred to in paragraph (a) shall be carried out as follows:

- (i) the initial survey shall include a complete inspection of the fire safety systems and appliances, life-saving appliances and arrangements except radio installations, the shipborne navigational equipment, means of embarkation for pilots and other equipment to which Chapters II-1, II-2, III and V apply to ensure that they comply with the requirements of these Regulations, are in satisfactory condition and are fit for the service for which the ship is intended. The fire control plans, nautical publications, lights, shapes, means of making sound signals and distress signals shall also be subject to the abovementioned survey for the purpose of ensuring that they comply with the requirements of these Regulations and, where applicable, the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Regulations (Rg 10) in force;
- (ii) the renewal and periodical surveys shall include an inspection of the equipment referred to in paragraph (b)(i) to ensure that it complies with the relevant requirements of these Regulations and the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Collisions at Sea) Regulations in force, is in satisfactory condition and is fit for the service for which the ship is intended;
- (iii) the annual survey shall include a general inspection of the equipment referred to in paragraph (b)(i) to ensure that it has been maintained in accordance with Regulation 11(a) and that it remains satisfactory for the service for which the ship is intended.