

# **Merchant Shipping (Marine Engineer Officers) Regulations**

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**MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARINE ENGINEER OFFICERS) REGULATIONS**

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**PART I**

**PRELIMINARY**

**Citation**

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Marine Engineer Officers) Regulations.

## Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“certificate of competency” means a certificate of competency issued by the Director under these Regulations or a certificate which is treated as equivalent to such a certificate by virtue of regulation 6, but does not include a certificate of competency issued by a foreign maritime administration;

“certificate of recognition” means a certificate of recognition issued by the Director under regulation 7(1);

“certificate of service” means a certificate of service issued by the Director under regulation 5(2) of the revoked Regulations;

“power”, in relation to a ship, means the brake or shaft power as shown in the ship’s register, that is to say, the total continuous rated brake or shaft power of all the propulsion engines, irrespective of whether some of the power may be diverted from the propulsion shafts or whether all the power is normally used;

“qualified marine engineer officer” means a marine engineer officer who is qualified in accordance with regulation 4(2);

“revoked Regulations” means the Merchant Shipping (Marine Engineer Officers) Regulations (Rg 14, 1990 Ed.) which were in force immediately before 1st June 1994;

“service as an assistant engineer officer” means service under training to become a qualified marine engineer officer;

“special limit voyage” means a voyage within the following limits:

from a point where the longitude 103° 00' East cuts the West coast of Johor, thence due South to latitude 00° 30' North, thence due East to longitude 105° 00' East, thence due North to latitude 01° 00' North, thence to the point 02° 00' North, 104° 15' East, thence due West to the coast of Johor and thence following the coast of Johor westwards to the starting point.

## Application

3. These Regulations shall apply to all self-propelled ships registered in Singapore.

## PART II

### CERTIFICATION OF MARINE ENGINEER OFFICERS

## **Qualified marine engineer officers**

4.—(1) Every ship to which these Regulations apply shall carry such number of qualified marine engineer officers as are required by Part III.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, an officer shall be qualified if he is for the time being —

- (a) the holder of a relevant certificate of competency issued under these Regulations or a certificate which is treated as equivalent to such a certificate by virtue of regulation 6; or
- (b) the holder of a relevant certificate of competency issued by a foreign maritime administration which is recognised by the Director under regulation 7.

(3) In paragraph (2)(a), “relevant”, in relation to a certificate of competency, means the certificate is, at the material time, valid and in force in relation to the person named in it and is of a class appropriate to the capacity in which the holder is to be employed on the ship or of a higher class.

(4) In paragraph (2)(b), “relevant”, in relation to a certificate of competency issued by a foreign maritime administration, means the certificate is, at the material time, valid and in force in relation to the person named in it and is of a grade appropriate to the capacity in which the holder is to be employed on the ship or of a higher grade.

## **Classes of certificates**

5.—(1) The following classes of certificates of competency shall be issued in accordance with these Regulations:

- (a) Certificate of Competency (Marine Engineer Officer) Class 1;
- (b) Certificate of Competency (Marine Engineer Officer) Class 2;
- (c) Certificate of Competency (Marine Engineer Officer) Class 3;
- (d) Certificate of Competency (Marine Engineer Officer) Class 4; and
- (e) Certificate of Competency (Marine Engineer Officer) Class 5.

(2) Certificates of competency for all classes shall be issued for motor ships or steam ships or for combined motor and steam ships.

(3) A certificate of competency of a class set out in paragraph (1) shall be treated as being a certificate of a class higher than a certificate of any class which is set out after it in that paragraph, if the higher class certificate is issued for the same type of ship

(whether motor or steam or combined motor and steam) as the lower class certificate.

(4) No person who is not a qualified marine engineer officer shall take charge of a watch.

### **Certificates equivalent to certificates of competency**

6.—(1) A valid certificate of competency as an engineer or an engine driver issued by the Minister before 1st August 1986 shall be treated as being equivalent to a certificate of competency as set out against it in the First Schedule.

(2) A valid certificate of competency issued under regulation 5(1) of the revoked Regulations shall be treated as being equivalent to a certificate of competency of the same class issued under these Regulations for the same type of ship, whether motor or steam or combined motor and steam.

(3) A valid certificate of service issued under regulation 5(2) of the revoked Regulations shall be treated as being equivalent to a certificate of competency of the same class issued under these Regulations for the same type of ship (whether motor or steam or combined motor and steam) subject to any limitation as to the power of the ship as may be specified by the Director and endorsed on that certificate.

### **Certificates recognised for purposes of Part III**

7.—(1) The Director may, in his discretion and upon such conditions as he may determine, recognise any valid certificate of competency issued by a foreign maritime administration by issuing to the holder of the certificate a certificate of recognition.

(2) The recognition of any certificate of competency issued by any foreign maritime administration shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) that the Director is of the opinion that the certificate is of a grade appropriate to the capacity in which the holder of the certificate is to be employed on a Singapore ship or is of a higher grade; and
- (b) that the Director is satisfied that the holder of the certificate is a fit and proper person to be employed on a Singapore ship.

(3) Where the Director is of the opinion that a person whose certificate is recognised under this regulation is not a fit and proper person to be employed on a Singapore ship or that the person has breached any condition upon which his certificate is recognised, he may issue a written notice to the person informing that person of his intention to cease recognition of such certificate and giving the reasons therefor and requiring that person to show cause why his certificate should not cease to be recognised.