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**DRAFT MERCHANT SHIPPING (TRAINING CERTIFICATION AND MANNING)  
REGULATIONS, 2020**

The Minister of Transport hereby in terms of section 356 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951 (Act No. 57 of 1951), publishes for comments the draft Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations, 2020 as indicated in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this draft Regulations 2020, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette.

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## DRAFT MERCHANT SHIPPING (TRAINING CERTIFICATION AND MANNING) REGULATIONS, 2020

The Minister of Transport hereby in terms of section 356 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951 (Act No. 57 of 1951), intends to make regulations on the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations, 2020 as indicated in the Schedule.

### SCHEDULE

#### PART 1 - GENERAL

##### 1. Definitions

(1) In these Regulations, any word or expression given a meaning in the Act shall have that meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise-

' **Act**' means the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951 (Act No. 57 of 1951)

'**able seafarer deck**' means a rating certificated in accordance with Part 3, Division 8, and a 'certificate of proficiency able seafarer deck' shall be construed accordingly;

'**Able Seafarer (deck) coastwise shipping**' means a rating certificated in accordance with Part 3, Division 8, and limited to coastwise shipping only;

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

'**able seafarer deck (port operations)**' means a rating certificated in accordance with Part 3, Division 8, limited to port operations only, and a '**Certificate of proficiency able seafarer deck (port operations)**' shall be construed accordingly;

'**able seafarer engine (port operations)**' means a rating certificated in accordance with Part 3, Division 8, limited to port operations only, and a '**Certificate of proficiency able seafarer engine (port operations)**' shall be construed accordingly;

'**accelerated training**' means an approved programme in accordance with the Convention of intensive training that is designed to reduce the period of qualifying service; without compromising on the quality of training;



**'accredited institution'** means a training institution accredited in accordance with the Convention;

**'accredited'** means accredited by the Authority in accordance with the Convention;

**'approved'** means approved by the Authority in accordance with the Convention;

**'appropriate certificate'** means a certificate issued and endorsed in accordance with these Regulations entitling the lawful holder to serve in the capacity and perform the functions involved at the level of responsibility specified on a ship of the type, tonnage, power and means of propulsion concerned while engaged on the particular voyage;

**'approved accelerated training programme'**, for certification of a particular kind, means an accelerated training programme approved for certification of that kind in accordance with the Convention;

**' approved seagoing service'** means service on board a ship relevant to the issue or revalidation of a certificate or other qualification;

**'approved trade'** means an Engineering Trade that incorporates a formal workshop training element which would lead to exemption from modules required by the Training Standards;

**'approved training'**, for certification of a particular kind, means training programmes or courses approved for certification of that kind in accordance with the Convention;

**'approved training record book'**, for certification of a particular kind, means a training record book approved for certification of that kind in accordance with the Convention;

**'Assessor'** means an examination moderator appointed by the Authority in accordance with the Convention;

**'assistant engineer officer'** means a person under training to become an engineer and designated as such by national law or regulations;

**' audit'** means a systematic, independent and documented process for obtaining audit evidence and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which audit criteria are fulfilled;

**' audit Scheme'** means the IMO Member State Audit Scheme established by the Organization and taking into account the guidelines developed by the Organization;\*

**'basic training'** means the training as set out in Regulation 2(9) (1) (a)

**'basic training for fishers on fishing vessels ≥24m'** means the approved training for personnel serving on fishing vessels ≥ 24m, as set out in Regulation 2(9)(1)(b)(1)(a);

**' basic training for fishers on fishing vessels <24m'** means the approved training for personnel serving on fishing vessels < 24m, as set out in Regulation 2(9)(1)(c) ;

**'candidate'** means a person desiring certification in terms of these Regulations;

**'Certificate'** and **'Certification'** means a certificate of competency or proficiency and may include an endorsement issued in accordance with Section A-1/2 of the STCW Code;

**'Certificate of competency'** means-

- (a) a certificate issued and endorsed in accordance with Section A-1/2 of the STCW Code for masters, officers and GMDSS operators in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, III, IV or VII of the Annex of the STCW Convention, Chapter II of the STCW-F Convention, port operation and coastwise shipping certificates not issued under a Convention, entitling the lawful holder thereof to serve in the capacity and perform the functions involved at the level of responsibility specified therein; or
- (b) a certificate which is treated as equivalent to such certificate by virtue of regulation 8,
- (c) but does not include a certificate of competency issued by a foreign maritime administration;

**'certificate of proficiency'** means a certificate, other than a certificate of competency issued in accordance with Section A-1/2 of the STCW Code to a seafarer, stating that the relevant requirements of training, competencies or sea-going service provided for in the Convention have been met;

**'certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats'** means a certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats issued by the Authority under in accordance with Regulation VI/2 and Table A-II/1 of the Convention and STCW Code;

**'certificated'** means duly certificated under the Act or deemed under the Act to be so certificated;

**' charge'** has the same meaning as defined in the South African Maritime Safety Authority Act, 1998, as amended;

**'chief engineer officer'** means the senior engineer officer responsible for the mechanical propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical installations of the ship;

**'Chief Assessor'** means a person appointed in terms of Regulation 5;

**'Chief mate'** means the deck officer next in rank to the master and upon whom the command of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the master;

**'coastal skipper ≥9 m'** means a certificate of competency allowing the holder to operate a small vessel of 9 m or more on seagoing voyages not exceeding 40 nautical miles offshore, issued in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007 as amended;

**' colour vision test'** means a test, required in accordance with the Convention by Part 5 of these Regulations, on a person's ability to identify and differentiate colours used as signals on ships and their equipment;

**'Contravene'**, in relation to a provision of these Regulations, includes failing or refusing to comply with that provision;

**'Coastwise ship'** means a ship plying solely within the coastwise shipping;

**'Coastwise traffic'** means the conveyance of coastal cargo by a ship between the ports in the Republic and the transfer of bunker or oil cargo from a ship or tanker to any other ship or tanker, including a ship arriving from a place outside the Republic, bound for more than one port in the Republic and a ship clearing from any port in the Republic for a port outside the Republic, although bound for one or more intermediate ports in the Republic;

**'deck officer'** means a ship's officer qualifying in accordance with the provisions of chapter II of the Convention serving in the deck department on a ship, and includes the master;

**'deck officer certificate'** means the certification covered by Part 3, Division 1 & 2 of Part 3;

**'Deputy Registrar of Seafarers'** means a person appointed in terms of Regulation 4;

**'documentary evidence'** means documentation, other than a certificate of competency or certificate of proficiency, used to establish that the relevant requirements of the STCW Convention or STCW-F Convention have been met;

**'electro-technical officer'** means an officer qualified in accordance with the provision 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;

**'endorsement'** means a document that is appended to a certificate of competency and that modifies the terms of the certificate;

**'engineer officer'** means a ship's officer serving in the engine department on a ship;

**'engineer officer certificate'** means the certification covered by Part 3, Divisions 5, 6 & 7;

**'engineer rating'** means a rating certificated as a rating forming part of an engineering watch or an able seafarer engine in accordance with Part 3, Division 8;

**'equivalent certification'** has the meaning given by Regulation 3;

**' eyesight test'** means a test, required by Part 5 of these Regulations, inclusive of colour vision and visual acuity tests, performed by an approved medical practitioner to ensure that a seafarer is meet the eyesight test standards;

**'fast rescue boat'** means a rigid or semi-rigid inflatable boat used for rescue work and capable of manoeuvring, for at least 4 hours, at a speed of 20 knots in calm water with a crew of at least 3 persons and at a speed of at least 8 knots with a full complement;

**'fishing vessel'** means a vessel that is used wholly or principally for the taking, catching or capturing of fish or other living resources of the sea or seabed for financial gain or reward;

**'foreign going ship'** means any ship employed in trading or going between some places or places in the Republic and some places or places situated beyond the limits for coastwise shipping and ports operations area;

**'gas carrier'** means a ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquefied gas or other product listed in Chapter 19 of the IGC Code;

**'general purpose rating (port operations)'** means a rating (port operations) certificated as a general purpose rating (port operations) in accordance with Part 3, Division 8; and **'general purpose rating (port operations) certificate'** shall be construed accordingly;

**'GMDSS'** means the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System;

**'GMDSS radio operator'** means a person who is qualified in accordance with the provisions of Division 4, Part 3 of these Regulations;

**'GT'** means its gross tonnage of a ship calculated in accordance with the Tonnage Regulations, 1968;

'**HSC Code**' means the International Code of Safety for High Speed Craft adopted by the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO by resolution MSC.36 (63) as may be amended by the IMO and accepted by the Government;

'**IBC Code**' means the latest edition of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk published by the International Maritime Organisation, as amended;

'**IGC Code**' means the latest edition of the International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Liquefied Gases in Bulk published by the International Maritime Organisation, as amended;

'**IGF Code**' means the latest edition of the International Code of Safety for Ships using Gas or other low flashpoint fuels published by the International Maritime Organisation, as amended;

'**IMO**' means the International Maritime Organization;

'**ISPS Code**' means the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code adopted on 12 December 2002 by resolution 2 of the Conference of Contracting Governments to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as may be amended by the Organization;

'**Length**' refers to the registered length (length overall) as shown on the ship's Certificate of Registry, and contemplated in Regulation 4 of the Ship Registration Regulations, 2002;

'**limited waters**', in relation to a fishing vessel, has the same meaning as '**Near-coastal waters**';

'**limited waters voyage**' has the same meaning as '**Near-coastal voyage**';

'**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 the IMO and accepted by the Government;

'**Mate**' has the same meaning as '**chief mate**';

'**Management level**' means the level of responsibility associated with-

(a) Serving as master, chief mate, chief engineer officer or second engineer officer on a seagoing ship; and

(b) Ensuring that all functions within the designated area of responsibility are properly performed;

**'Master'** and **'Skipper'** means a person having command of a ship;

**' medical fitness certificate'** has the same meaning as in in the Maritime Labour Convention;

**' medical practitioner'** means a person approved in accordance with Part 2A of these Regulations;

**'merchant ship'**, for the purpose of these Regulations, means any ship operated for commercial gain other than a fishing vessel;

**'mining operations'** means the exploitation by a ship at anchor or Dynamic Position (DP) mode, whether by mining, drilling or otherwise, of the mineral resources of the seabed or subsoil thereof;

**'MLC'** means the Maritime Labour Convention as defined in the Merchant Shipping Act;

**' near-coastal voyage'** means a voyage exclusively within the South African Exclusive Economic Zone, i.e. 200 nautical miles, as defined by the Maritime Zones Act, 1994, as amended;

**'near-coastal voyage limit agreement'** means an agreement in writing entered into between the Authority and an Administration of another party specifying the details of involved trading areas and other relevant conditions thereof;

**'non-trading vessels'** means pleasure vessels or vessels operated for commercial gain of less than 3 000 GT not carrying more than 12 passengers engaged on seagoing voyages during which no cargo operations are conducted;

**'officer'** means a ship's officer;

**'officer in charge of an engineering watch'** includes a designated duty engineer officer for a periodically unmanned engine-room or periodically unmanned engine room;

**'oil tanker'** means a ship constructed and used for the carriage in bulk of petroleum or petroleum products;

**'offshore'** means seaward measured from the low-water line (as defined in section 1 of the Maritime Zones Act, 1994 (Act 15 of 1994)) along the coast of the African continent;

**'on-board training'** is training that is-

(a) Conducted principally on board a vessel during qualifying service; and

(b) set out and assessed in an approved training record book;

**'operational level'** means the level of responsibility associated with-

(a) serving as officer in charge of a navigational or engineering watch or as designated duty engineer for periodically unmanned machinery spaces or as radio operator on a ship to which these Regulations apply; and

(b) Maintaining direct control over the performance of all functions within the designated area of responsibility in accordance with proper procedures and under the direction of an individual serving in the management level for that area of responsibility;

**'ordinary seafarer deck'** means a rating forming part of a navigational watch;

**'ordinary seafarer deck (port operations)'** means a rating forming part of a navigational watch on vessels engaged in Port Operations;

**'ordinary seafarer deck (fishing)'** means a rating forming part of a navigational watch vessels engaged in fishing operations;

**'ordinary seafarer engine'** means a rating forming part of an engineering watch;

**'ordinary seafarer Engine (port operations)'** means a rating forming part of an engineering watch on vessels engaged in Port Operations;

**'Organisation'** means the International Maritime Organisation;

**'owner'**, in relation to a ship, includes any person such as the manager, operator, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the owner;

**'Party'**, in relation to the STCW or STCW-F Convention, means a State or Administration which is a member of the Organisation and is a signatory to the Convention;

**'passenger ship'** means a ship which carries more than 12 passengers;

**'pleasure vessel'** means a vessel that is used solely for sport or recreation;

**' polar code'** means the latest edition of the International Code for Ships operating in polar waters published by the international maritime organization, as amended.

**' polar waters'** means Arctic waters or the Antarctic area as defined in SOLAS Regulations XIV/1.2 to XIV/1.4;

**'port operations'** means voyages restricted to a port operations area; and **'port operations service'** shall be construed accordingly;

**'port operations area'** means the sea area within a radius of 15 nautical miles measured-

(a) in the case of the port of Saldanha Bay, from the mid-point of an imaginary line joining the North Head and South Head lights; and

(b) In the case of any other port in the Republic, from the outermost breakwater light;

**'port operations vessel'** means a harbour tug, dredger, hopper, pilot boat, work boat, bunker barge, ferry, tender, self-propelled floating crane or any other type of ship restricted to a port operations area;

**'propulsion power'** means the total maximum continuous rated output power in kilowatts of a ship's main propulsion machinery appearing on the ship's certificate of registry or other official document;

**'qualifying service'**, for certification of a particular kind, means the sea service or port operations service (and duties associated with and endorsement, if applicable), as the case may be required, for certification of that kind;

**'radio duties'** include, as appropriate, watch keeping and technical maintenance and repairs conducted in accordance with the Radio Regulations, the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS) as amended, and at the discretion of the Authority, the relevant recommendations of the Organisation;

**'radio operator'** means a person holding an appropriate certificate issued or recognised by the Authority under the provisions of the Radio Regulations;

**'radio Regulations'** means the radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union Convention that is in force;

**'rating'** means a member of the ship's crew other than the master or a deck officer or a marine engineer officer;

**'refresher training'** means an approved abbreviated training course required for revalidation of Certificates of Competency or Certificates of Proficiency;

**'registrar'** means a person appointed in terms of Regulation 4;

**'repealed Regulations'** means the Regulations repealed by Regulation 121 of these regulations;

**'ro-ro passenger ship'** means a passenger ship with ro-ro cargo spaces or special category spaces as defined in the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 (SOLAS), as amended;



**'safe manning requirements'** means a document carried on board the ship that describes the minimum manning considered necessary to ensure that a ship is sufficiently and efficiently manned in compliance with IMO resolution A.955 (23) and A.890 (23) and any amendment thereto that has come into force, and that is issued-

- (a) In the case of a South African ship, by the Authority; and
- (b) In the case of any other ship, by or under the Authority of the flag State;

**' Safety Convention'** means International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974, as amended;

**'seagoing ship'** means a ship other than one that is exclusively a coast wise ship or navigates in a ports operations area; or in a port operations area;

**'sea service'** has the same meaning as **"approved seagoing service"**;

**'second engineer officer'** means the engineer officer next in rank to the chief engineer officer and upon whom responsibility for the mechanical propulsion and the operation and maintenance of the mechanical and electrical installations of the ship will fall in the event of the incapacity of the chief engineer officer;

**'security duties'** means 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;

**'senior Assessor'** means a qualified officer appointed as such Assessor in terms of Regulation 5;

**'ship to which the Safety Convention applies'** means any seagoing ship, except-

- (a) Warships, ships owned by the South African Navy or naval auxiliaries;
- (b) Ships of less than 500 GT, other than passenger ships;
- (c) Ships not propelled by mechanical means;
- (d) Wooden ships of primitive build;
- (e) Ships used solely for sport or recreation; and
- (f) Fishing vessels;

**'ship to which the STCW Convention applies'** means any seagoing ship, except-

- (a) Warships, naval auxiliaries or other vessels owned by the SA Navy;

- (b) Fishing vessels;
- (c) Ships used solely for sport or recreation; and
- (d) Wooden ships of primitive build;

**'skipper offshore ≥9 m'** means a certificate of competency allowing the holder to operate a small vessel of 9 m or more on extended seagoing voyages, issued in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007 as amended;

**'small vessel'** means a vessel to which the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007, as amended, apply;

**'SOLAS'** means the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, 1974;

**'South African ship'** means a ship prescribed by the Ship Registration Act, 1998 and includes an unregistered ship having South African nationality;

**'specified in the quality standard system'** means specified in the South African Maritime Qualifications manual acceptable to the IMO published by the Authority, as amended;

**'STCW-Code'** means the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watch-keeping Code adopted by the 1995 Conference of Parties to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978 and any amendment thereto which has come into force and has been accepted by the Government;

**'STCW Convention'** means the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended;

**'STCW-F Convention'** means the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995;

**'Support level'** means the level of responsibility associated with performing assigned tasks, duties or responsibilities on a trading ship under the direction of an individual serving in the operational or management level;

**'Tanker'** means-

- (a) **'Oil Tanker'**, means a ship constructed or used for the carriage in bulk of petroleum and petroleum products in bulk;

(b) **'Chemical Tanker'**, means a ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage in bulk of any liquid product listed in Chapter 17 of the International Bulk Chemical Code; and

(c) **'Liquefied Gas Tanker'** means a ship constructed or adapted and used for the carriage of any liquid product listed in Chapter 19 of the International Gas Carrier Code;

**'the Quality Standard System'** means the system acceptable by the IMO published by the Authority with all the training standards required by these Regulations forming part of the Quality Standards System;

**'the Regulations'** means the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations, 2020;

**'trading ship'** means any seagoing ship, including all government ships to which the Act applies, engaged on regular seagoing voyages, excluding-

- (a) Warships, naval auxiliaries;
- (b) Fishing vessels;
- (c) Coastwise ships
- (d) Ships used solely for sport or recreation; and
- (e) Sailing ships of traditional build;

**'training ship'** means a ship approved by the Administration for the purpose of accommodating and providing approved on-board training of more than 12 trainees candidates towards a Certificates of Competence or Certificates of Proficiency;

**'unlimited voyage'** means a voyage other than one contemplated in the definitions of near-coastal voyage and port operations;

**'unlimited waters'** when used in relation to certificates for fishers, means waters beyond limited waters;

**'valid'**, in relation to a certificate or other document, means a certificate or document that is current and that has not been suspended or cancelled;

**'visual acuity test'** means an eye exam that checks how well a candidate can see the details of a letter or symbol from a specific distance;

**'watch-keeping officer'** means a ship's officer whose duties include-

- (a) If serving in the deck department, taking charge of a navigational watch on the ship; and

(b) If serving in the engineering department, taking charge of an engineering watch on a ship;

**'watch-keeping personnel'** means everyone forming part of a navigational or engineering watch on a ship;

**'waters under South African jurisdiction'** means waters comprising-

(a) The internal and territorial waters of the Republic; and

(b) The exclusive economic zone of the Republic.

(2) A reference in these Regulations to a particular level of assessment shall be read as a reference to assessment at that level in accordance with Regulation 15;

(3) All seafarers shall have completed Basic Training before being assigned safety or pollution prevention duties or before issue of any Certificate of Proficiency or Competency;

(4) All seafarers shall have completed on-board safety familiarisation training before being assigned shipboard duties; and

(5) These Regulations apply to all ships except;

(a) Ships engaged in sports and recreation only

(b) Warships, Naval Ships

(c) Ships owned by foreign governments engaged in non-commercial activities of that government whilst in the Republic.

## 2. Introduction and classes of certificates

(1) These Regulations prescribe the conditions to be met and the standards of competence required in accordance with Regulation 1/2 of the Convention or the issue of the certification specified in sub-Regulations (2) to (7);

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Convention sub regulation (7), the certificates of competency, with their limitations, endorsements and relative levels of responsibility (if any), applicable to deck officers are:

(a) Master (special grade);

(b) Master:

(i) Master of a ship of any tonnage on unlimited voyages (management level) [STCW Regulation II/2 - No limitation].

- (ii) Chief mate of a ship of any tonnage on unlimited voyages (management level) [STCW Regulation II/2 - No limitation].
  - (iii) Officer in charge of a navigational watch on a ship of any tonnage on unlimited voyages (operation level) [STCW Regulation II/1 - No limitation].
- (c) Chief Mate-
  - (i) Chief mate of a ship of any tonnage on unlimited voyages (management level) [STCW Regulation II/2 - No limitation].
  - (ii) Officer in charge of navigational watch of a ship of any tonnage on unlimited voyages (operational level) [STCW Regulation II/1 - No limitation].
- (d) Master (<3 000 GT)-
  - (i) Master of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on unlimited voyages (management level) [STCW Regulation II/2 - Tonnage limitation].
  - (ii) chief mate of a ship of-
    - (aa) any tonnage if the candidate holds a certificate of competency as chief mate (management level) [STCW Regulation II/2 - No limitation]; or
    - (bb) Less than 3 000 GT on unlimited voyages if the candidate holds a certificate of competency as deck officer or chief mate (<3 000 GT) (management level) [STCW Regulation II/2 - Tonnage limitation].
  - (iii) Officer in charge of navigational watch of a ship of any tonnage on unlimited voyages (operational level) [STCW Regulation II/1- No limitation].
- (e) Chief mate (<3 000 GT)-
  - (i) Chief mate of a ship less than 3 000 GT (management level) [STCW Regulation II/2 - Tonnage limitation].
  - (ii) Officer in charge of navigational watch of a ship of any tonnage on unlimited voyages (operational level) [STCW Regulation II/1 - No limitation].
- (f) Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch –

- (i) Officer in charge of a navigational watch on a ship of any tonnage on unlimited voyages (operation level) [STCW Regulation II/1 - No limitation].
- (g) Master (<500 GT near-coastal)-
- (i) Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on near-coastal voyages (management level) [STCW Regulation II/3 - No limitation].
- (ii) Officer in charge of a navigational watch on a ship of less than 500 GT on near coastal voyages (operation level) [STCW Regulation II/1 - No limitation].
- (h) Officer in charge of navigational watch (<500 GT near-coastal) watch on ships of less than 500 GT on near-coastal voyages (operational level) [STCW Regulation II/3- No limitation].
- (i) Master (<200 GT near-coastal) Master of a ship of less than 200 GT on near-coastal voyages; (management level) [STCW Regulation II/3 - Tonnage limitation].
- (j) Master ( $\geq 1\ 600$  GT port operations)-
- (i) Master of a ship of any tonnage operating within port operations area.
- (ii) Officer in charge of navigational watch of a ship of any tonnage operating within a port operations area.
- (k) Master (<1 600 GT port operations)-
- (i) Master of a ship of <1 600 GT operating within a port operations area; and
- (ii) Officer in charge of navigational watch of a ship of any tonnage operating within a port operations area.
- (l) Skipper (<200 GT port operations)-
- (i) Master of a ship of less than 200 GT operating within a port operations area; and
- (ii) Officer in charge of a navigational watch of a ship of less than 1 600 GT operating within a port operations area.
- (3) Subject to sub regulation (7), the certificates of competency, with their limitations, endorsements and relative levels of responsibility (if any), applicable to fishers are:

- (a) Skipper fishing ( $\geq 24$  m) unlimited waters-
- (i) Master of any fishing vessel of 24m in length and over operating in unlimited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/1 - no limitation]; and
  - (ii) Officer in charge of a navigational watch of any fishing vessel of 24m in length and over operating in unlimited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/2 - no limitation].
- (b) Skipper fishing ( $< 24$  m) unlimited waters-
- (i) Master of any fishing vessel of less than 24 m in length operating in unlimited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/1 - length limitation].
  - (ii) Officer in charge of a navigational watch of any fishing vessel less than 24 m in length operating in unlimited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/2- length limitation].
- (c) Skipper fishing ( $\geq 24$  m) limited waters-
- (i) Master of any fishing vessel 24m and over operating in limited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/3- no limitation]; and
  - (ii) Officer in charge of navigational watch of any fishing vessel 24m in length and over operating in limited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/2 – no length limitation].
- (d) Skipper fishing ( $< 24$  m) limited waters-
- (i) master of any fishing vessel less than 24 m in length operating in limited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/1 - length limitation]; and
  - (ii) Officer in charge of navigational watch of any fishing vessel less than 24 m in length operating in limited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/2 - length limitation].
- (e) officers in charge of a navigational watch on fishing vessels ( $< 24$  m) unlimited waters –
- (i) Officer in charge of navigational watch of a ship less than 24 m engaged in fishing on unlimited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/2 - length limitation].
- (f) officers in charge of a navigational watch on fishing vessels ( $< 24$  m) limited waters –

- (i) Officer in charge of navigational watch of a ship less than 24 m engaged in fishing on limited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/2 - length limitation].
- (g) officers in charge of a navigational watch on fishing vessels ( $\geq 24$  m) unlimited waters-
  - (i) Officer in charge of navigational watch of any ship engaged in fishing on unlimited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/2- no length limitation].
- (h) officers in charge of a navigational watch on fishing vessels ( $\geq 24$  m) limited waters-
  - (i) Officer in charge of navigational watch of any ship engaged in fishing on limited waters [STCW-F Regulation II/2- no length limitation].
- (4) Radio-communication and Radio operators
  - (a) GMDSS first-class radio electronic certificate;
  - (b) GMDSS second-class radio electronic certificate;
  - (c) GMDSS general operator's certificate [STCW Regulation IV/2]; and
  - (d) Radio operators:
    - (i) Long range certificate;
    - (ii) Short range certificate.
- (5) Subject to sub regulation (6), the certificates of competency, with their limitations, endorsements and relative levels of responsibility (if any), applicable to engineer officers are:
  - (a) Chief Engineer officer (special grade);
  - (b) Chief Engineer officer-
    - (i) Chief engineer officer of a ship of unlimited propulsion power (management level); [STCW Regulation III/2 - No limitation];
    - (ii) Second engineer officer of a ship of unlimited propulsion power (management level); [STCW Regulation III/2 - No limitation]; and
    - (iii) Officer in charge of an engineering watch on a ship of unlimited kilowatt propulsion power (operational level); [STCW Regulation III/1 - No limitation].
  - (c) Second Engineer officer (Unlimited)-



- (i) Second engineer officer of a ship of unlimited propulsion power (management level); [STCW Regulation III/2 - No limitation];
  - (ii) Officer in charge of an engineering watch on a ship of unlimited propulsion power (operational level); [STCW Regulation III/1 - No limitation]; and
  - (iii) Endorsed chief engineer officer of a ship of less than 3 000 kW propulsion power (management level); [STCW Regulation III/3 - Power limitation].
- (d) Chief Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)-
- (i) Chief engineer of a ship of less than 3 000 kW propulsion power (management level); [STCW Regulation III/3 - Power limitation].
  - (ii) second engineer of a ship:
    - (aa) of unlimited propulsion power if the candidate holds a certificate of competency as second engineer officer of a vessel of unlimited propulsion power (management level); [STCW Regulation III/2 - No limitation]; or
    - (bb) Of less than 3 000 kW propulsion power if the candidate holds a certificate of competency as second engineer less than 3 000 kW (management level); [STCW Regulation III/3 - Power limitation].
  - (iii) Engineer officer in charge of an engineering watch on a ship of unlimited propulsion power (operational level). [STCW Regulation III/1 - No limitation].
- (e) Second Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)-
- (i) Second engineer officer of a ship of less than 3 000 kW propulsion power (management level); [STCW Regulation III/3 - Power limitation].
  - (ii) Officer in charge of an engineering watch on a ship of unlimited propulsion power (operational level); [STCW Regulation III/1 - No limitation].
- (f) Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineers in a periodically unmanned engine room -
- (i) Engineer officer in charge of an engineering watch on a ship of unlimited propulsion power (operational level); [STCW Regulation III/1 - No limitation].

- (g) Electro-Technical Officer-
  - (i) Officer in charge of electronic equipment on board a ship of 1 000 Volts or more (operational level); [STCW Regulation III/6 - No limitation].
- (h) Chief Engineer Officer (port operations)-
  - (i) Chief Engineer of a ship of any propulsion power operating within port operations area.
  - (ii) Chief Engineer of a ship of less than 1500 kW propulsion power operating within port operations.
  - (iii) Endorsed Chief Engineering on a ship of less than 750kW propulsion power on unlimited voyages
  - (iv) Engineering Officer of the Watch of a ship of less than 750kW propulsion power on unlimited vessels
- (i) Chief Engineer Officer (<1 500 kW Port Operations)
  - (i) Chief engineer officer of a ship of less than 1 500 kW propulsion power operating within in a port operations area.
  - (ii) Second Engineer on a ship of any kilowatt propulsion power operating in a port operations area.
  - (iii) Endorsed Engineering Officer of the Watch of a ship less than 750kW propulsion power operating in unlimited voyages
- (j) Chief Engineer (<750 kW Port Operations)
  - (i) chief engineering officer of a ship of less than 750 kW propulsion power operating in a port operations area; and
  - (ii) second engineering officer of a ship of any kilowatt propulsion power in port operations area
- (k) Engineer Officer (Port Operations)
  - (i) Second Engineer of a ship of any kilowatt propulsion power operating in a port operations area
  - (ii) Endorsed Chief Engineer of a ship less than 350kW propulsion power operating in a port operations area
- (l) Chief Engineer (<750 kW)

- (i) Chief Engineer of a ship of less than 750kW propulsion power
- (ii) Chief Engineer on a ship less than 1500kW power operating in a port operations area
- (iii) Second Engineer on a ship of any kilowatt power operating in a port operations area
- (m) Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch in a manned engine-room or designated duty engineers in a periodically unmanned engine room (750 kW)-

- (i) Engineering Officer of the Watch on a ship of less than 750kW
- (ii) Chief Engineer of a ship less than 350kW

(6) Subject to sub regulation (7), the certificates of competency, with their limitations, endorsements and relative levels of responsibility (if any), applicable to engineer officers on fishing vessels are:

- (a) Chief Engineer (Fishing)
  - (i) Chief Engineer of a fishing vessels of unlimited propulsion power [STCW-F Regulation II/5 - no Power limitation]
  - (ii) Second Engineer (Fishing) of a fishing vessel on unlimited propulsion power [STCW-F Regulation II/5 - no Power limitation]
- (b) Second Engineer (Fishing)
  - (i) Second Engineer (Fishing) on a fishing vessel on unlimited power [STCW-F Regulation II/5 - no Power limitation]
- (c) Chief Engineer (<2000kW Fishing)
  - (i) Chief Engineer of a fishing vessels of less than 2000kW power [STCW-F Regulation II/5 - Power limitation]
  - (ii) Second Engineer (Fishing) of a fishing vessel on unlimited propulsion power [STCW-F Regulation II/5 - no Power limitation]
- (d) Second Engineer (<2000kW Fishing)
  - (i) Second engineer of a fishing vessel of <2000 kW propulsion power [STCW-F Regulation II/5 - power limitation].

(7) Subject to sub regulation (9) the certificates of qualification, with their relative levels of responsibility (if any), proficiency, applicable to ratings are:

- (a) Ordinary seafarer deck (support level) [STCW Regulation II/4].
- (b) Able seafarer deck (support level) [STCW Regulation II/5].
- (c) Ordinary seafarer deck (fishing) (support level) [STCW-F Resolution II/4].
- (d) Able seafarer (fishing) (support level) [STCW-F Resolution 4].
- (e) Ordinary seafarer engine (support level) [STCW Regulation III/4].
- (f) Able seafarer engine (support level) [STCW Regulation III/5].
- (g) Electro-technical rating (support level) [STCW Regulation III/7].
- (h) Able seafarer deck (port operations).
- (i) Able seafarer engine (port operations).
- (j) Ordinary seafarer (port operations)
- (k) General purpose rating (port operations).
- (l) Efficient cook. [MLC Reg 3.2, para 3]

(8) The following certificates of proficiency which may be issued to qualifying candidates as stand-alone certificates and/or endorsements to their Certificate of Competency or Proficiency as applicable, as set out in Division 6 of Part of these Regulations;

- (a) Specialised training for personnel serving on Oil & Chemical Tankers
  - (i) Basic training for oil and chemical tankers [STCW Regulation V/1-1 (STCW Code section A-V/1-1-1)].
  - (ii) Advanced training in oil tankers [STCW Regulation V/1-1 (STCW Code section A-V/1-1-2)].
  - (iii) Advanced training in chemical tankers [STCW Regulation [V/1-2] V/1-1 (STCW Code section A-V/1-1-3)].
- (b) Specialised training for personnel serving on Liquefied Gas Tankers
  - (i) Basic training for liquefied gas tankers [STCW Regulation V/1-2 (STCW Code section A-V/1-2-1)].
  - (ii) Advanced training in liquefied gas tankers [STCW Regulation V/1-2 (STCW Code section A-V/1-2-2)].

- (c) Specialised training for personnel serving on Ships Subject to the IGF Code
    - (i) Basic training for ships subject to the IGF Code [STCW Regulation V/3 (STCW Code section A-V/3-1)].
    - (ii) Advanced training for ships subject to the IGF Code [STCW Regulation V/3 (STCW Code section A-V/3-1)].
  - (d) Specialised training for personnel serving on ships operating in polar waters:
    - (i) Basic training for ships operating in polar waters [STCW Regulation V/4 (STCW Code Section A-V/4-1); and
    - (ii) Advanced training for ships operating in polar waters [STCW Regulation V/4 (STCW Code Section A-V/4-2)
  - (e) Specialised training for personnel serving on passenger ships
    - (i) Passenger ship crowd management training [STCW Regulation V/2 (STCW Code A-V/2, para 3)]
    - (ii) Crisis management and human behaviour training [STCW Regulation V/2 (STCW Code A-V/2, para 4)]
    - (iii) Passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity training [STCW Regulation V/2 (STCW Code A-V/2, para 4)]
- (9) The Authority may issue the following certificates of proficiency as set out in the Quality Standard System to candidates who meet those requirements:
- (a) Basic training, which comprises of the following components [STCW Regulation VI/1].
    - (i) Personal survival techniques [STCW Regulation VI/1 (STCW Code section A-VI/1-1)]
    - (ii) Firefighting and fire prevention [STCW Regulation VI/1 (STCW Code section A-VI/1-2)].
    - (iii) Elementary first aid [STCW Regulation VI/1 (STCW Code Section A-VI/1-3)]
    - (iv) Personal survival and social responsibilities [STCW Regulation VI/1 (STCW Code section A-VI/1-4)].

- (b) Basic Safety Training for personnel working on-board ships  $\geq$  24m engaged in fishing operations are required to complete the training in sub regulation (7)(a) above. [STCW-F Regulation III/1.1].
  - (c) Basic Safety Training for personnel working on-board ships  $<$  24m engaged in fishing operations are required to complete the training in sub regulation (7)(a)(i - iii) above. [STCW-F Regulation III/1.2].
  - (d) Survival craft and rescue boats [STCW Regulation VI/2 (STCW Code section A-VI/2-1)].
  - (e) Fast rescue boats [STCW Regulation VI/2 (STCW Code section A-VI/2-2)].
  - (f) Advanced firefighting [STCW Regulation VI/3 (STCW Code section A-VI/3)].
  - (g) Medical first aid [STCW Regulation VI/4 (STCW Code section A-VI/4-1)].
  - (h) Medical care [STCW Regulation VI/4 (STCW code section A-VI/4-2)].
  - (i) Ship security officer [STCW Regulation VI/5].
  - (j) Security awareness [STCW Regulation VI/6 STCW Code section A-VI/6-1]
  - (k) Designated security duties [STCW Regulation VI/6, STCW Code A-VI/6-2]
- (10) The ranking of voyage, tonnage & propulsion power limitations, for certification in sub-regulations (2), (3), (4) and (5) is such that the holder of:
- (a) Voyage Limitations:
    - (i) A certificate unlimited as to voyages may serve in the certificated capacity on ships engaged on unlimited voyages or voyages of any limitation;
    - (ii) A certificate limited to near-coastal voyages may serve in the certificated capacity on ships engaged on near-coastal voyages and in port operations but not on unlimited voyages;
    - (iii) A certificate limited to port operations may serve in the certificated capacity only on ships engaged in port operations;and

- (iv) A certificate limited to mining operations or non-trading vessels operations may serve in the certificated capacity only on ships employed in those operations.
- (b) A holder of a certificate may not serve in a capacity on-board a ship with a tonnage or length higher than that set as a limit on their certificate
- (c) A holder of a certificate may not serve in a capacity on-board a ship with a propulsion power higher than that set as a limit on his/her certificate
- (d) A holder of a certificate for merchant vessels may not serve on-board fishing vessels unless such holder has been issued a certificate for service on fishing vessels in accordance with these Regulations
- (e) A holder of a certificate for fishing may not serve on-board merchant vessels unless such holder has been issued a certificate for service on merchant vessels in accordance with these Regulations
- (11) The certificates mentioned in sub-regulations (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (7) shall be issued and endorsed in accordance with the STCW Convention or STCW-F Convention as applicable, except:
- (a) all certificates of competency (special grade);
- (b) all port operations certification;
- (c) the certificate of proficiency as efficient cook; and
- (d) Long and short range radio operator's certification.

### **3. Validity and revalidation of certificates**

- (1) A certificate of competency and proficiency issued in terms of these Regulations, and any equivalent certification, is not valid for sea service or port operations service unless revalidated at intervals not exceeding five years to establish continued professional competence in accordance with sub regulation (3).
- (2) Continued professional competence is established by:
- (a) completing, during the preceding five years, at least 12 months sea service or port operations' service, as appropriate to the certification held;
- (b) having completed 3 months approved sea service in the rank specified for the certificate held during the preceding 6 months immediately prior to revalidating;

- (c) performing functions considered by the Authority to be equivalent to the service mentioned in subparagraph (1); or
- (d) where candidates have not completed the appropriate sea service for their certificate of competency held, they shall complete:
- (i) in a supernumerary capacity, at least 3 months sea service, or port operations service as appropriate to the certification held; or
  - (ii) having served for a period of not less than 3 months in an officer rank lower than that for which the certificate of competency held for a period of at least 3 months, such candidates shall hold a valid certificate, and an assessment at level 3 to meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System; and
- (e) By completing applicable approved (refresher) training and meeting the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System.
- (3) The certificates listed in Regulations 2 shall be revalidated as follows
- (a) Certificates of Competency listed in subregulations 2 to 6 shall be revalidated every 5 years, except for the certificates listed in Sub-paragraphs 2(a), 4(d) and 5(a);
  - (b) Certificates of proficiency issued to ratings as set out in subregulation 7 shall be revalidated every 5 years
  - (c) Certificates of proficiency as set out in subregulations 8 and 9, shall be revalidated every 5 years as set out in the relevant training standard, except for the certificates in sub-paragraphs 8(d), 9(a)(iii), 9(a)(iv), 9(b), 9(c), 9(i), 9(j) and 9(k).
- (4) Candidates holding certificates other than certificates for officers, radio operators or ratings are required to revalidate their certificates as follows:
- (a) certificates as listed in Regulation 2(6) are required to be revalidated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Regulations in division 9 of part 3;
  - (b) certificates as listed in Regulation 2(7) are required to revalidate by providing appropriate sea service or refresher training where required to be revalidated as set out in the Quality Standard System.
- (5) Application for revalidation shall be made in the form and manner, include the information and be accompanied by the documents specified by the Authority.



(6) The Authority shall, if it is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements of sub regulation (2) or (3), issue to the applicant an endorsement extending the validity of his or her certificate.

(7) Application for revalidation of certificates may be made within a period of 6 months before the fifth anniversary of the certificate held and shall be revalidated for a further period of five years from the date of initial expiry.

#### **4. Qualification and Designation of Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Seafarers**

(1) The Authority shall designate qualified officers under the employ of the Authority to be the Registrar and Deputy Registrar of Seafarers.

(2) In addition to functions bestowed by the provisions of Section A-1/2 of the STCW Code and any other law, the functions of the Registrar shall be:

(a) to issue certificates of competency and proficiency in accordance with the Act;

(b) to issue endorsements to certificates in accordance with the Act;

(c) to maintain an electronic register of all certificates of competency and of proficiency issued or recognised under the Act, and of all matters affecting them;

(d) to make available information on the status of certificates of competency and of proficiency, including the matters affecting them, to other competent authorities or shipping firms requesting verification of the authenticity or validity of certificates produced to them;

(e) Maintain a database for certificate registration in accordance with Section A-1/1 of the STCW Code

(f) to support the chief Assessor in his or her duties in relation to Regulation 6; and

(g) To perform the functions incidental to those referred to in paragraphs (a) to (d).

(3) The Registrar shall perform his or her functions in accordance with the applicable quality standards system implemented pursuant to Regulation 7.

#### **5. Chief Assessor and Senior Assessor**

(1) The Authority shall-

- (a) In accordance with regulation 1/8 and A-16, appoint highly qualified officers and in accordance with the Convention and established procedures Assessor in accordance with established procedures; and
- (b) following interviews designate in writing, from among them Assessor, a senior Assessor (deck), a senior Assessor (engine), a senior Assessor (deck fishing), senior Assessor (engine fishing), a senior Assessor (small vessels), a senior Assessor (radio) and a chief Assessor.
- (2) In addition to the functions specified in these Regulations, a chief and a senior Assessor have the other functions specified in his or her instrument of designation.
- (3) In accordance with the approved quality standards system the chief Assessor and senior Assessor' must have the duties for:
- (a) implementing policies on assessment, evaluation and examinations in accordance with the Convention;
- (b) maintaining in accordance with the Convention the quality standards system for the matters relating to applicable examinations and standards;
- (c) designating examination centres;
- (d) keeping abreast with the developments at the Organisation;
- (e) communicating information required by regulation 1/7 of the Convention, paragraph 1 shall be communicated to the secretary general in the following format ;relating to steps undertaken to give the Convention full and complete effect and matters under part 2, part 3 and part 4 of the STCW Code as appropriate.;
- (f) implementing and maintain in accordance with the Convention standards of accreditation and auditing compliance of training institutions ; and
- (g) auditing parties to the conventions for the purpose of recognition of foreign certificates and qualifications.
- (h) Maintaining a training and assessment system in accordance with regulation A-16
- (i) assessing the provision of training and assessment of seafarers for certification under the Convention that is structured in accordance with written programmes, including such methods and media of delivering, procedures, and course materials as are necessary to achieve the prescribed standards of competence

## 6. Quality Standard System

(1) The Authority shall subject to the approval by the Department of Transport in accordance with the Convention and the Code establish, implement and maintain a Quality Standards System covering the effective implementation of these Regulations for which the objectives are:

(a) to ensure that the training, assessment and certification of seafarers is implemented following a set of processes, procedures and Quality Standards;

(b) to ensure that medical assessment of seafarers is effected through a set of processes, procedures and Quality Standards;

(c) to ensure that the defined objectives are being achieved through a well-documented, systematic monitoring arrangements, including internal quality assurance evaluations and periodic independent external evaluations;

(d) ensure that the administration of the certification system, all training courses and programs, examinations and assessments carried out by or under the Authority and the qualifications and experience required of instructors;

(e) to ensure that instructors, and supervisors are appropriately qualified for the particular types and levels of training or assessment of competence of seafarers either on board or ashore as required under the Convention, in accordance with the provisions of this regulation as follows:

(i) any person conducting in service training of a seafarer which is intended to be used in qualifying for certification under the Convention shall have an appreciation of the training programme and an understanding of the specific training objectives for the particular type of training been conducted: be qualified in the task for which training is been conducted and if conducting training using a simulator have received appropriate guidance in instructional techniques involving the use of simulators: and have gained practical operational experience on the particular type of simulators been used;

(ii) any person responsible for the supervision of in-service training under (i) above shall have a full understanding of training programme and the specific objectives for each type of training been conducted;and

(iii) any person conducting in service assessment of competence of seafarers in (i) above shall have an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding of the competence to be assessed : be qualified in the task for which the assessment id been made: have received appropriate guidance in assessments method and practice : have gained practical assessment and experience: and if conducting assessments referred to in (ii) have gained practical assessment experience on the particular type of simulator under the supervision and to the satisfaction of an experienced.

- (2) In implementing the Quality Standards System, the Authority must-
- (a) ensure that an independent evaluation of the knowledge, understanding, skills and competence acquisition and assessment activities and of the administration of the certification system is conducted at intervals of not more than five (5) years in order to:
    - (i) verify that all internal management control and monitoring and follow-up actions comply with planned arrangement and documented procedures and are effective in ensuring achievement of defined objective;
    - (ii) the results of each independent evaluation are documented and brought to the attention of those responsible for the area evaluated; and
    - (iii) timely action is taken to correct deficiencies.
  - (b) the report of the independent evaluation required by part (a) above shall include the terms of reference for the evaluation and the qualifications and experience of the evaluators, and
  - (c) define the roles, responsibilities and the powers of the officers.

## **7. Powers of Officers appointed under the Act or these Regulations**

- (1) The Principal Officers, or the Proper Officers, as appropriately qualified and experienced, have the power over -
- (a) The application of Part 6 of these Regulations, including issuing exemptions as required. Provided that when an exemption is issued to a group of Ships, it shall;
    - (i) be issued subject to the approval of the Chief Assessor and be published in the government gazette; and
    - (ii) observe the impact of such exemption on the safety of life and property at sea as well as the prevention and combating of marine pollution.
  - (b) to suspend, cancel or revoke the accreditation or approval issued under these Regulations
- (2) The Senior Assessor have the power to:
- (a) to assess and make a determination any with regard to any sea service to be qualifying to be an equivalent sea service for purposes of revalidation of a certificate of competence claimed to be 'equivalent' service for revalidation of a certificate;

- (b) to assess and make a determination with regard to any service qualifying to be 'equivalent' service for revalidation of a certificate of competence;
- (c) To assess application of accreditation in accordance with national scheme for education and training accreditation provided for in this Regulations;
- (d) To consider suspension, cancellation, revocation or extension of the accreditation granted under this Regulations;
- (e) to assess the qualifications and experience of lecturers, facilitators and s as may be required from time to time in line with the quality standards;
- (f) to assess the suitability of a candidate to be assessed at Level 3 for the issuance of a dispensation; and
- (g) to review the appropriate sea service penalty, or equivalent penalty, imposed by the from the Level 3 Assessment as well as for the misconduct of the candidate as set out in Regulation 19 below, provided that in doing so;
  - (i) he or she may not review the outcome of the level 3 assessment;
  - (ii) such a review may not result in an increase in the penalty; or
  - (iii) where the Assessor is requested to impose an alternative penalty, such penalty shall be appropriate to ensure that the candidate attains such skills and knowledge found to be lacking during the level 3 assessment.

(3) The Chief Assessor has powers as set out for the Senior Assessors above and make the final determination on matters related thereto.

(4) For anything not contemplated in this Regulation, the Chief Assessor, or a, has the power to make a determination.

(5) The Authority shall ensure that there are procedures, within its Quality Standards System, to provide for such actions as may be required above and to ensure a fair and just application of the Regulations

## **8. Appeals of the decisions taken by Assessors**

(1) Any person who has applied for certification in accordance with the Part 3 or revalidation of any certificate under the Regulations may appeal a decision by the Assessor and seek a review of such decision.

(2) An appeal described above may be made provided that, if such appeal is against an assessment outcome, the appeal must be based on:

- (a) the decision was based on incorrect or incomplete information

(b) the decision was inconsistent with the procedures and guidance published by the Authority

(c) there is a basis for bias against the candidate by the Assessor

(3) An appeal against a Level 3 Assessment shall be assessed by the appropriate Senior Assessor, if satisfied that there are merits to the appeal, the Senior Assessor may order a re-assessment.

## **9. Quality Standards System Committee**

(1) The Authority shall establish a syllabus quality standard system committee the functions of which shall be :

(a) to keep the seafarer training certification quality Standards system under Review;

(b) to advise the Authority on matters related to training, assessment and certification of seafarers; and

(c) the quality standards Committee shall be consultative.

(2) The quality standard committee will consist of:

(a) the Chairperson, who shall be the chief Assessor;

(b) the senior Assessors;

(c) the Registrar of seafarers Qualifications;

(d) Other experts, invited by the Authority, who shall be persons appropriately qualified and internationally experienced in matters relating to the education, quality standards management and training of seafarers; and

(e) South African International Maritime Institute (SAIMI);

(3) In addition to the functions stated in paragraph (1) above, the Authority may, in relation to training, assessment, certification and watch-keeping for seafarers;

(a) use the Quality Standard System Committee as a consultative committee whereupon changes to the STCW Convention, STCW-F Convention and any other relevant instruments are tabled before being implemented in the Quality Standard System or proposing amendments to these Regulations;

(b) Present on a regular basis, reports to the syllabus committee regarding the latest activities and information on assessment and certification of seafarers.

- (4) The committee shall meet twice a year. The agenda of the committee shall include, but not limited to:
- (a) status of compliance by South Africa;
  - (b) the Review and amendment of the Quality Standard System;
  - (c) Reports of the Registrar of Seafarers and the Chief Assessor; and
  - (d) any other matter, relating to training, assessment and certification of seafarers, raised by training providers and other stakeholders including members of the public.
- (5) The Quality Standards System Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings and records of decisions taken.
- (6) The decision of the Quality Standard System Committee shall be final on any resolutions taken by the quality standard system Committee.

## **PART 2 - ASSESSMENT**

### **10. Application for assessment**

- (1) Every application for assessment and issue of certificate or endorsement shall be made in accordance with the Authority's Quality Standards System.
- (2) Application for assessment shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as set out in the Determination of Charges
- (3) Where proof of identity is required, such proof shall be in the form of a valid South African identity document or passport or, in the case of a foreign citizen or resident, a valid passport.
- (4) A candidate who has successfully applied for issue of a certificate or endorsement in which he or she does not need to be assessed at Level 3 may be issued with a certificate by the Assessor who has assessed such an application. Such a certificate shall be in the format defined by the Authority's Quality Standards System.
- (5) An application which requires an assessment at Level 3 shall be made 14 days before the examination dates. Special arrangements for examination may be made with the proper officer of a port in which the examination is to take place.
- (6) In the case of doubt about the appropriateness or sufficiency of a candidate's qualifying service, the candidate may submit his or her case, accompanied by the relevant certificates of discharge, testimonials, training

records, watch-keeping certificates and such other documents as may be required, for determination by the relevant senior Assessor.

(7) Qualifying service shall be calculated from the date of engagement on a ship to the date of discharge from the ship, and is calculated by taking the actual days between the days of engagement and discharge, both inclusive, and reckoning 30 days to a month, 12 months to a year.

(8) Qualifying service performed on vessels restricted to port operations shall be calculated as follows:

(a) a shift of at least eight hours performed during a 24-hour period is equivalent to one day's qualifying service; and

(b) if more than eight hours were served in a single day, this shall not count as more than one day's qualifying service.

## **11. Declaration and proof of qualifying service**

(1) Certificates of discharge or a duly completed Seafarer's Record Book shall be accepted as sufficient proof of the sea service recorded therein, provided such sea service is verifiable.

(2) Service in Port Operations or other ships engaged in short voyages shall be in the form and manner as set out in the Quality Standards System of the Authority.

(3) Each candidate shall be required to make a declaration of qualifying service, and shall be required to explain, in writing, to the satisfaction of the Assessor concerned, any period of discontinuity in such service.

(4) Qualifying sea service towards a certificate shall have been performed not earlier than 10 years before the date of application for the certification concerned.

(5) A candidate for a deck officer certificate, where service in charge of a watch is required, shall:

(a) produce certificates of watch-keeping service signed by the respective Masters of the ships on which he or she has served, stating that he or she has acted in a watch-keeping capacity for at least eight hours out of every 24 hours' service claimed; and

(b) for a first deck officer certificate shall produce testimonials signed by the Masters of the ships on which they have served.



(6) A candidate for an Engineering Officer certificate, where service in charge of a watch or as a designated duty engineer is required, shall:

(a) produce certificates of watch-keeping service signed by the respective Chief Engineers of the ships on which he or she has served, stating that he or she has acted in a watch-keeping capacity for at least eight hours out of every 24 hours' service claimed or have been on duty for at least 24 hours in every 72 hours' service claimed on ships having a periodically unmanned engine room; and

(b) for a first engineer officer certificate shall:

(i) produce testimonials signed by the respective Chief Engineers of the ships on which he or she has served; and

(ii) submit proof of having completed the approved workshop training course at an accredited training institution. However, a candidate who has completed an approved trade training may apply to be exempted from parts of the workshop training which he or she has already completed

(7) Sea service performed in foreign territories within the limits of Near Coastal voyages of that country shall only count as sea service towards Near Coastal certification, provided that all voyages of less than 150 NM is considered to be a near-coastal voyage.

(8) Sea service performed on a ship not registered in The Republic shall count as qualifying service unless the service cannot be verified by the Authority.

## **12. Sea service performed on ships not regularly proceeding to sea, or employed in mining operations**

(1) Service performed on ships not regularly proceeding to sea shall count in full towards qualifying service for a deck officer certificate if the time actually spent at sea equals or exceeds two-thirds of the total period of the candidate's service on the ship. If the time actually spent at sea is less than two thirds, then one and a half times the time actually spent at sea shall count towards qualifying service.

(2) The time spent by a candidate standing by a ship under construction or refit shall count in full towards a qualifying service, but may not exceed one-third of that qualifying service. For seafarers on accelerated training, such service may not exceed one-quarter of the required service.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Regulations, sea service performed on ships employed in mining operations counts towards the qualifying service for a deck officer certificate, as follows:

(a) in the case of a certificate limited to mining operations, the sea service counts in full towards the qualifying service; and

(b) in all other cases-

(i) if mining operations were conducted during the period of sea service, the qualifying sea service on board that ship shall be equal to one-third of the time spent on-board, or

(ii) if mining operations were conducted for less than two-thirds of the time, the sea service shall be equal to the number of days whilst the ship was navigating multiplied by 1.5 times.

(4) A candidate claiming qualifying service in accordance with sub regulation (1) or (3) shall produce a statement from the master or owner of each ship on which the service was performed, giving particulars of the dates when the ship was at sea on passage and at anchor and of the work that the ship was engaged in and of the area of operation.

### **13. Removal of mining operations limitation**

(1) The holder of certification who desires the removal of a mining operations limitation shall-

(a) have completed at least half the qualifying service for the desired certificate; and

(b) meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

### **14. Bribery, Forgery, Fraudulent Acts, and Misrepresentation of information**

(1) The Authority shall investigate all allegations of bribery, forgery, fraud and misrepresentation of documents, sea service and other documents required towards certifications of seafarers.

(2) A seafarer who is found to have paid a bribe to obtain documents required towards certification shall be prohibited from any assessment towards certification for a period of 1 year.

(3) A seafarer who is found to have committed a forgery or fraud, or knowingly using documents that are obtained through forgery or fraudulent act, shall be prohibited from any assessment under the Act for a period of 1 year.

(4) A seafarer who misrepresent sea service and documents related thereto, is liable for a further sea service equivalent to the sea service required for the certificate for which he or she had applied to.

(5) The penalties above must be imposed by the relevant Assessor on the basis of evidence available to him. The seafarer has a right to apply, in appeal, to the relevant Senior Assessor with mitigating factors and the Senior Assessor shall review the case and may:

(a) uphold the decision of the Assessor;

(b) reduce the penalty imposed by the Assessor; or

(c) Repeal the decision of the Assessor.

(6) The Authority shall extend all co-operation possible to any party to the STCW or STCW-F Conventions which advises of its intention to initiate proceedings under its jurisdiction for contravention of the Conventions against a company or a person located within the Jurisdiction of the Authority

#### **15. Mislaid, lost or destroyed certificates**

The Registrar may issue replacement certificates on application made by the holder in accordance with section 82 of the Act.

#### **16. Misrepresenting qualifying service**

(1) A candidate who wilfully misrepresents his or her qualifying service shall be disqualified from certification in terms of these Regulations until he or she has made up any deficiency in qualifying service plus an additional 12 months of the appropriate service.

(2) Additional service performed because of sub regulation (1) shall not count towards the qualifying service of any other certification (whether in terms of these Regulations or otherwise under the Act).

#### **17. Assessing competence**

(1) Candidates required to meet an applicable standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System shall be assessed to meet that standard at one or more of the following levels as the case requires:

- (a) Level 1: candidates required to complete on-board training shall be assessed on board a ship by appropriately qualified officers, this training shall be recorded in an approved training record book;
  - (b) Level 2: candidates required to complete approved training shall be assessed at this level at the accredited maritime training institution providing the training; and
  - (c) Level 3: candidates for a certificate of competency, any endorsement to a certificate of competency (except in terms of Division 4 of Part 3), or the removal of any limitation to a certificate of competency shall be assessed at this level by way of oral examination to assess a candidate's competence in the aspects of a seafarer's duties and responsibilities.
- (2) A candidate meets the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System when:
- (a) for a certificate of competency as an officer, the candidate has been assessed and found competent at levels 1, 2 and 3;
  - (b) for a certificate of proficiency, the candidate has been assessed and found competent at levels 1 and 2; and
  - (c) for a certificate of proficiency as an ordinary seafarer, the candidate has been assessed and found competent at level 1.
- (3) A candidate required to be assessed at level 3 shall have been found competent at lower levels, before being assessed at Level 3.

## **18. Moderation of Written Examination Papers**

- (1) This Regulation applies to written examinations that form part of assessment at level 2 for certificates of competency covered by these Regulations.
- (2) The moderation of written examination papers shall be in accordance with the Authority's Quality Standards System.
- (3) For academic subjects that covers the functions of Navigation, Marine Engineering and Controlling the operations and care for persons on-board (only elements of Ship Stability & Construction) the final pass mark shall not be less than 60%, for all other subjects, the final pass mark shall not be less than 50%.
- (4) In the case of doubt about a candidate's final mark, the decision of the relevant senior Assessor shall be final.

**19. Level 3 assessment**

- (1) All certificates issued under Part 3 Divisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of these Regulations shall be assessed at level 3.
- (2) The assessment shall be conducted by an Assessor in the presence of and in accordance with the Authority's Quality Standards System.
- (3) A candidate being assessed for Dispensation shall be assessed in accordance with the certificate for which a dispensation is being issued.
- (4) A candidate who has been assessed as competent and complies with all requirements for the issue of the certificate concerned shall be issued, by the Assessor, with a certificate as set out by the Authority's Quality Standards System.
- (5) If a candidate is assessed as not yet competent, the Assessor shall issue the candidate with a written result as set out in the Authority's Quality Standards System.
- (6) If a candidate is assessed and found to be not yet competent because of a significant deficiency in the candidate's knowledge, the Assessor may require that the candidate complete a further period of appropriate qualifying service, not exceeding 6 months, before reapplying for the certification concerned.
- (7) If a candidate, without reasonable excuse, fails to appear for the assessment at the appointed time and place, the Assessor shall assess the candidate as not yet competent by default.

**20. Proficiency in English**

- (1) For certification as master or ship's officer, a candidate shall have a command of English that is appropriate to the efficient discharge of routine and emergency duties and responsibilities associated with the certificate concerned.
- (2) An Assessor may require that a candidate demonstrate proficiency consistent with sub regulation (1).
- (3) A requirement under sub regulation (2) shall take account of:
  - (a) the obligation of the Authority under the STCW Convention and STCW-F Convention; and
  - (b) any related resolutions adopted by the Organisation.

## PART 3 - CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

### Division 1 - Deck officer certificates (Merchant Ships)

#### 21. Mining operations and non-trading vessel operational limitations

(1) If more than half of a candidate's qualifying service for certification referred to in this division is made up of sea service performed on ships employed in mining operations contemplated in Regulation 13 the certification concerned shall be limited to mining operations.

(2) If more than half of a candidate's qualifying service for certification referred to in this division is made up of sea service performed on vessels engaged in non-trading vessel operations, the certification concerned shall be limited to voyages on non-trading vessels.

(3) For this Regulation, references in Regulations this division to sea service shall be taken to include sea service performed on ships employed in mining operations or non-trading vessels as appropriate.

#### 22. Master (Special Grade)

For the certificate of competency as master (special grade), a candidate shall have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate

#### 23. Master mariner

For the certificate of competency as master, a candidate shall-

##### **Alternative A:** Candidates holding certificate of competency as chief mate

(1) have completed a minimum of 24 months sea service, of which 12 months is served in the capacity of chief mate on trading ships of 1600 GT or more on unlimited voyages; and

(2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding certificate of competency as officer in charge of a navigational watch, or chief mate

- (1) have completed 36 months sea service as officer in charge of navigational watch on trading ships of 1600 GT or more on unlimited voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **24. Chief mate**

For the certificate of competency as chief mate, a candidate shall Candidates holding certificate of competency as deck officer

- (1) have completed at least 12 months sea service as officer in charge of a navigational watch on trading ships of 1 600 GT or more on unlimited voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **25. Master (<3 000 GT)**

For the certificate of competency as master (<3 000 GT), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding certificate as chief mate or chief mate (<3 000 GT)

- (1) have completed a minimum of 24 months sea service, of which 12 months is served in the capacity of chief mate on trading ships of 500 GT or more on unlimited voyages and have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the section A-II/2 of the STCW Code for Masters and Chief mate on ships of 3000 GT or more ; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the section A-ii/2 of the STCW Code for Masters and Chief mate on ships of 3000 GT or more for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding certificate as officer in charge of a navigational watch, chief mate or chief mate (<3000 GT)

- (1) have completed 36 months sea service as officer in charge of navigational watch on trading ships of 500 GT or more on unlimited voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **26. Chief mate (<3 000 GT)**

For the certificate of competency as chief mate of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on unlimited voyages, a candidate shall-

**Candidates holding certificate of competency as deck officer**

- (1) have completed at least 12 months sea service as officer in charge of a navigational watch on trading ships of 500 GT or more on unlimited voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in A-II/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**27. Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch**

For the certificate of competency as deck officer, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry at this level without accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 36 months sea service in the deck department on trading ships of 500 GT or more on unlimited voyages;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, on-board training that is documented in an approved training record book;
- (4) have performed, during the required sea service, bridge watch-keeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and
- (5) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCWF Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making entry at this level following accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 12 months sea service in the deck department on trading ships of 500 GT or more on unlimited voyages as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes on-board training documented in an approved training record book;
- (3) have performed, during the required sea service, bridge watch-keeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCWF Code for this Certificate.



**28. Master (<500 GT near coastal)**

For the certificate of competency or endorsement as master (<500 GT near coastal), a candidate shall hold a certificate of competency as officer in charge of a navigational watch (<500 GT near-coastal or unlimited), and:

- (1) be at least 20 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 12 months sea service as officer in charge of a navigational watch on trading ships of 100 GT or more on any seagoing voyages; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**29. Officer in charge of a navigational watch (<500 GT near-coastal)**

For the certificate of competency as mate (<500 GT near-coastal), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry at this level without accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 36 month's sea service in the deck department on trading ships of 100 GT or more on any seagoing voyages;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book;
- (4) have performed, during the required sea service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and
- (5) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making entry at this level following accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 12 months sea service in the deck department on trading ships of 100 GT or more on any seagoing voyages;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, on-board training that is documented in an approved training record book;
- (4) have performed, during the required sea service, bridge watch-keeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and

(5) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

### **30. Master (<200 GT near-coastal)**

For the certificate of competency or endorsement as master (<500 GT near coastal), a candidate shall hold a certificate of competency as officer in charge of a navigational watch (<500 GT near-coastal or unlimited), and:

- (1) be at least 20 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 12 months sea service as officer in charge of a navigational watch on trading ships of 25 GT or more on any seagoing voyages; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

### **Division 2 - Deck Officer Certificates (Port Operations)**

### **31. Master (port operations)**

For the certificate of competency or endorsement as master (port operations), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as master (<1 600 GT port operations)

- (1) be at least 20 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 6 months port operations service as the officer in charge of navigational watch or master on port operations vessels of 1 000 GT or more; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as skipper (<200 GT port operations)

- (1) be at least 20 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 12 months port operations service as the officer in charge of navigational watch on port operations vessels of 1600 GT or more; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative C: Candidates holding naval bridge watch-keeping certificate with command endorsement**

- (1) have proof of being a commander on-board as South African Navy ship of 24 m or more for a countable 6 months and 6 months bridge watch-keeping service on trading ships of 100 GT or more on unlimited seagoing voyages under the supervision of a watch-keeping officer; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**32. Master (<1 600 GT port operations)**

For the certificate of competency as master (port operations), a candidate shall-

- (1) be at least 20 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 12 months port operations service under the supervision of a master on port operations vessels of 100 GT or more; while holding as a minimum the certificate of competency as skipper (<200 GT port operations); and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/3 of the STCW Code Standards Systems for this Certificate.

**33. Skipper (<200 GT port operations)**

For the certificate of competency as skipper (port operations), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A: Candidates making entry at this level**

- (1) be at least 18 years of age; and
- (2) have at least 12 months sea service in the deck department on any of the following ships of 25 GT or more-
  - (a) seagoing ships;
  - (b) fishing vessels;
  - (c) port operation vessels; or
  - (d) naval ships of 14 m or more in length; and
- (3) have performed, during the required sea service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and

- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates with Coastal Skipper  $\geq 9$  m or Skipper Offshore  $\geq 9$  m

- (1) be at least 18 years of age; and
- (2) have at least nine months sea service in the deck department on any of the following ships of 25 GT or more-
  - (a) seagoing ships;
  - (b) fishing vessels;
  - (c) port operation vessels; or
  - (d) naval ships of 14 m or more in length; and
- (3) have performed, during the required sea service, bridge watch-keeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Division 3 - Deck Officer Certificates (Fishing)**

**34. Skipper fishing ( $\geq 24$  m Unlimited Waters)**

For the certificate of competency as skipper fishing ( $\geq 24$  m unlimited waters), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as deck officer fishing ( $\geq 24$  m Unlimited Waters)

- (1) have at least 12 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 24 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as skipper fishing ( $< 24$  m unlimited waters) or skipper fishing ( $\geq 24$  m limited waters)

- (1) have at least 6 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 18 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency issued in terms of Division 1 of this Part

- (1) have, whilst holding, as a minimum, a certificate of competency as deck officer, at least 12 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch, of which at least 6 months is spent on fishing vessels of 18 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

### **35. Skipper fishing (≥24 m Limited Waters)**

For the certificate of competency as skipper fishing (≥24 m limited waters), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as officer in charge of a navigational watch fishing (≥24 m Limited Waters)

- (1) have at least 12 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 18 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as skipper fishing (<24 m Unlimited waters)

- (1) have at least 6 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 18 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency issued in terms of Division 1 of this Part

- (1) have, whilst holding, as a minimum, a certificate of competency as deck officer, at least 12 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch, of which at least 6 months is spent on fishing vessels of 18 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

### **36. Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (≥24 m Unlimited Waters)**

For the certificate of competency as deck officer, a candidate shall-

#### **Alternative A:** Candidates making entry at this level without accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 24 months sea service in the deck department of a fishing vessel of 18 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages;
- (3) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months and obtained a steering certificate; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **Alternative B:** Candidates making entry at this level on accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 12 months sea service in the deck department of a fishing vessel of 18 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages, as part of an accelerated training programme that is documented in an approved training record book;
- (3) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as deck officer in charge of a navigational watch fishing (<24 m Unlimited Waters)

- (1) have at least 6 months sea service as an officer in charge of a navigational watch on vessels of 18 m or more on unlimited seagoing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**37. Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$  m Limited Waters)**

For the certificate of competency as deck officer, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry at this level without accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 24 months sea service in the deck department of a fishing vessel of 18 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages;
- (3) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months and obtained a steering certificate; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making entry at this level on accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 12 months sea service in the deck department of a fishing vessel of 18 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages, as part of an accelerated training programme that is documented in an approved training record book;
- (3) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as deck officer fishing (<24 m)

- (1) have at least 6 months sea service as an officer in charge of a navigational watch on vessels of 18 m or more on any seagoing voyages; and

- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

### **38. Skipper Fishing (<24 m Unlimited Waters)**

For the certificate of competency as skipper fishing (<24 m unlimited waters), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as deck officer fishing (<24 m unlimited waters)

- (1) have at least 12 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as skipper fishing <24 m limited waters)

- (1) have at least 12 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency issued in terms of Division 1 of this Part

- (1) have, whilst holding, as a minimum, a certificate of competency as master (<200 GT near-coastal), at least 6 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

### **39. Skipper Fishing (<24 m Limited Waters)**

For the certificate of competency as skipper fishing (<24 m limited waters), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as deck officer fishing (<24 m)



- (1) have, whilst holding, as a minimum, a certificate of competency as deck officer fishing (<24 m), at least 12 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency issued in terms of Division 1 of this Part

- (1) have, whilst holding, as a minimum, a certificate of competency as master (<200 GT near-coastal), at least 6 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **40. Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (<24 m Unlimited Waters)**

For the certificate of competency as deck officer, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry at this level without accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 24 months sea service, in any capacity in the deck department of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages, and has completed an approved onboard training record book;
- (3) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making entry at this level following accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 12 months sea service in the deck department of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages, has completed training as part of an accelerated training programme that is documented in an approved training record book;

(3) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and

(4) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as skipper offshore  $\geq 9$  m

(1) have at least 15 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on unlimited seagoing fishing voyages; and

(2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **41. Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (<24 m Limited Waters)**

For the certificate of competency as deck officer, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry at this level without accelerated training

(1) be at least 18 years of age;

(2) have at least 24 months sea service , in any capacity in the deck department of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages , and has completed an approved onboard training record book;

(3) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and

(4) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making entry at this level following accelerated training

(1) be at least 18 years of age;

(2) have at least 12 months sea service in the deck department of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages, has completed training as part of an accelerated training programme that is documented in an approved training record book;

(3) have performed, during the required seagoing service, bridge watchkeeping duties under the supervision of a certificated deck officer for at least 6 months; and

- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as coastal skipper  $\geq 9$  m

- (1) have at least 18 months sea service as an officer in charge of navigational watch of a fishing vessel of 12 m or more in length on any seagoing fishing voyages; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **Division 4- Radio Operator Certificates**

#### **42. GMDSS radio operators**

(1) Every person in charge of or performing radio duties on a ship required to participate in the GMDSS shall hold an appropriate certificate related to GMDSS, issued or recognised by the Authority under the provisions of the Radio Regulations.

(2) The requirements below are applicable to the following certificates, provided that appropriate education or training systems are completed for each certificate as set out in the Quality Standards System:

- (a) GMDSS first-class radio electronic certificate;
- (b) GMDSS second-class radio electronic certificate; and
- (c) GMDSS general operator's certificate.

(3) In addition, every candidate for a certificate of competency under this division for service on a ship, which is required by the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 as amended to have a radio installation, shall:

- (a) be at least 18 years of age; and
- (b) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the Quality Standard System in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

#### **43. Radio operators**

(1) Every person in charge of or performing radio duties on a ship not required to comply with the provisions of the GMDSS in Chapter IV of the

SOLAS Convention shall hold an appropriate certificate issued or recognised by the Authority under the provisions of the Radio Regulations.

(2) The requirements below are applicable to the following certificates, provided that appropriate education/training systems are completed for each certificate as set out in the Quality Standards System:

- (a) Long range certificate ; and
- (b) Short range certificate.

(3) In addition, every candidate for a certificate of competency under this division for service on a ship, required to have a radio installation, shall:

- (a) be at least 16 years of age;
- (b) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified in the in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate; and
- (c) for this Certificate.

#### **Division 5 – Engineer Officer (Merchant Ships)**

#### **44. Sea service requirements for steam and combined (steam and motor) certificates of competency**

(1) The STCW Convention defines seagoing service as service on-board a ship relevant to the issue or revalidation of a certificate or other qualification.

(2) The period of sea service required for certification varies with the level of certification.

(3) A summary of qualifying sea service requirements for engineer certificates of competency is given in the table below:

<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Endorsement</b>	<b>Qualifying service</b>	<b>Minimum sea service</b>
Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch		Minimum Watch-keeping on main propulsion machinery or UMS duties (on ships of 750 kW or more) under the supervision of an engineer officer.	
	Motor (M)	6 months on motor ships, plus 6 months approved service as cadet engineer.	12 months
	Steam (S)	6 months on steam ships, plus 6 months approved service as cadet engineer.	12 months

<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Endorsement</b>	<b>Qualifying service</b>	<b>Minimum sea service</b>
	Combined Steam and Motor (S&M)	14 months, 4 steam and 4 motor, plus 6 months approved service as cadet engineer.	14 months
Second Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)	Minimum sea service while qualified to serve as engineer officer of the watch (on ships of 750 kW or more)		
	Motor (M)	12 months on motor ships	12 months
	Steam (S)	12 months on steam ships	12 months
	Combined Steam and Motor (S&M)	18 months (9 steam and 9 motor)	18 months
Second Engineer Officer	Minimum sea service while qualified to serve as EOW (on ships of 3 000 kW or more)		
	Motor (M)	12 months on motor ships	12 months
	Steam (S)	12 months on steam ships	12 months
	Combined Steam and Motor (S&M)	18 months (9 steam and 9 motor)	18 months
Chief engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)	Minimum sea service while qualified to serve as 2nd Engineer (on ships of 750 kW or more)		
	Motor (M)	12 months in charge of watch or UMS duties on motor ships of 750 kW or more	36 months (EOW + 2EO + 12 months)
	Steam (S)	12 months in charge of watch or UMS duties on steam ships of 750 kW or more	36 months (EOW + 2EO + 12 months)
	Combined Steam and Motor (S&M)	18 months (9 steam and 9 motor in charge of watch or UMS duties on ships of <3 000 kW)	48 months (EOW + 2EO + 18 months)
Chief engineer Officer	Minimum sea service while qualified to serve as 2nd engineer (on ships of 3 000 kW or more)		
	Motor (M)	12 months in charge of watch or UMS duties on motor ships of 3 000 kW or more	36 months (EOW + 2EO + 12 months)
	Steam (S)	12 months in charge of watch or UMS duties on steam ships of 3 000 kW or more	36 months (EOW + 2EO + 12 months)

Certificate	Endorsement	Qualifying service	Minimum sea service
	Combined Steam and Motor (S&M)	18 months (9 steam and 9 motor in charge of watch or UMS duties on ships of 3 000 kW or more)	48 months (EOW + 2EO combined + 18 months)

#### 45. Chief engineer officer (special grade)

For the certificate of competency as chief engineer officer (special grade), a candidate shall have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate

#### 46. Chief engineer Officer

For the certificate of competency as chief engineer officer a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as engineer officer

- (1) have at least 36 months sea service as an officer in charge of engineering watch on trading ships of at least 3 000 kW propulsion power; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in section A-32 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as second engineer

- (1) have at least 12 months sea service whilst serving as second engineer on trading ships of at least 3 000 kW propulsion power; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in the in section A-32 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as chief engineer (<3 000 kW)

- (1) have at least 12 months sea service whilst serving as second engineer on trading ships of at least 3 000 kW propulsion power; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

#### 47. Second engineer Officer

For the certificate of competency as second engineer officer, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as engineer officer

- (1) have completed at least 12 months sea service as officer in charge of an engineering watch on trading ships of 3 000 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified the section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as second engineer officer (<3 000 kW)

- (1) have completed at least 6 months sea service as an officer in charge of engineering watch on trading ships of 3 000 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified the section A-II/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

#### **48. Chief Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)**

For the certificate of competency as chief engineer officer of a ship of less than 3 000 kW propulsion power, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as engineer officer

- (1) have at least 36 months sea service as an officer in charge of engineering watch on trading ships of at least 750 kW but less than 3 000 kW propulsion power; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified the section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as second engineer officer 3 000 kW

- (1) have completed at least 12 months sea service as second engineer on trading ships of 750 kW but less than 3 000 kW propulsion power; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standard of competence specified the section A-III /2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

#### **49. Second Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)**

For the certificate of competency as second engineer officer of a ship of less than 3 000 kW propulsion power, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as engineer officer

- (1) have completed at least 12 months sea service as officer in charge of an engineering watch on trading ships of 750 kW but less than 3000 kW propulsion power; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

#### **50. Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch**

For the certificate of competency as (57) Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch in a manned engine room or designated duty engineer in a periodically unmanned engine-room, a candidate shall-

##### **Alternative A:** Candidates making entry without an accelerated training programme

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 36 months sea service in the engine department on trading ships of 750 kW propulsion power or more;
- (3) have completed performed engineering watchkeeping duties for at least 6 months in the period above under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer;
- (4) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book; and
- (5) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

##### **Alternative B:** Candidates making entry with an accelerated training programme.

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 12 months approved sea service in the engine department on trading ships of 750 kW propulsion power or more;
- (3) have completed performed engineering watchkeeping duties for at least 6 months in the period above under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer;
- (4) have completed an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book; and



(5) meet the standards of competence specified the section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

#### **51. Electro-technical Officer**

A candidate for the certificate of competency as electro technical officer of a ship of 1 000 Volts and 750 kW propulsion power or more shall-

##### **Alternative A: Candidates on accelerated training programme**

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 12 months approved sea service as part of an approved accelerated training programme that is documented in an approved training record book;
- (3) have successfully completed training and have passed a theoretical examination at an accredited institution;
- (4) have completed successfully completed workshop skills training; and
- (5) meet the standards of competence specified in section A-III/6 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

##### **Alternative B: Candidates without an accelerated training programme**

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 36 months approved sea service in the engine room of vessels over 750 kW propulsion power in excess of 1 000 Volts documented in an approved training record book;
- (3) have successfully completed training and have passed a theoretical examination at an accredited institution;
- (4) have completed successfully completed workshop skills training; and
- (5) Which meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/ 6 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

#### **Division 6 – Engineer Officer Certificates (Local & Port Operations)**

#### **52. Chief Engineer Officer (Port Operations)**

For the certificate of competency as chief engineer officer (port operations), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a Certificate of Competence as Chief engineer (<1 500 kW port operations)

- (1) have completed at least 12 months port operations service or sea service as officer in charge of an engineering watch on ships of 750 kW propulsion power or more of which at least 3 months shall have been on ships of 1 500 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (2) have completed approved education and training and meet the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as chief engineer (<750 kW port operations)

- (1) have completed at least 18 months port operations service or sea service as officer in charge of an engineering watch on ships of 750 kW propulsion power or more of which at least 6 months is on vessels of 1 500 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as second engineer (<3 000 kW) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

### **53. Chief Engineer Officer (<1 500 kW Port Operations)**

For the certificate of competency as chief engineer officer of a ship of less than 1 500 kW propulsion power operating within a port operations area, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry at this level

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 18 months port operations service in the engineering department of a ship of 750 kW propulsion power or more under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer as part of an accelerated training programme documented in a training record book; and
- (3) have completed approved education and training ~~and~~ which meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and a level 3 Assessment

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as chief engineer (<750 kW port operations)

- (1) have completed 12 months approved sea service as an engineer officer in charge of a watch on sea going or port operations vessels of 750 kW propulsion power or more;
- (2) have completed an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book; and
- (3) meet the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**54. Chief Engineer Officer (<750 kW Port Operations)**

For the certificate of competency as chief engineer officer of a ship of less than 750 kW propulsion power operating within a port operations area, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as Second Engineer (Port Operations)

- (1) have completed at least 12 months approved sea service on a ship of 100 kW or more propulsion power under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer; and
- (2) have completed approved education and training which and meets the standard of competence as specified in A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate, and pass an assessment at level 3.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making an entry at this level

- (1) have completed at least 18 months approved sea service on a ship of 100 kW or more propulsion power under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer; and
- (2) have completed approved education and training ~~and~~ which meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate, and pass an assessment at level 3.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding an approved trade certificate

- (1) have completed at least 12 months approved sea service on a ship of 100 kW or more propulsion power under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer; and

(2) have completed approved education and training which meets the standard of competence specified in Section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and passed a level 3 assessment.

#### **55. Engineer Officer (Port Operations)**

For the certificate of competency as second engineer officer of a ship operating within port operations area, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making an entry at this level

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 18 months port operations service in the engineering department of a ship of 100 kW propulsion power or more under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer as part of an accelerated training programme documented in a training record book; and
- (3) have completed approved education and training ~~and~~ which meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and a level 3 Assessment

#### **56. Chief Engineer Officer (<750kW)**

A candidate for the certificate of competency as Chief Engineer Officer <750kW shall;

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding certificate of proficiency as Engineering Officer of the Watch (<750kW)

- (1) have completed at least 12 months approved sea service on ships of 350 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (2) have completed approved education and training and which meets the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as chief engineer (<750 kW Port Operations)

- (1) have completed at least 6 months approved sea service on ships of 350 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **57. Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (<750kW)**

A candidate for a certificate of competency as Engineer Officer of the Watch <750kW shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry with no prior engineering experience

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 18 months approved sea service on ships of 100 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (3) have completed approved education and training ~~and~~ which meets the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate and a level 3 assessment.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency Second Engineer (Port Operations)

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 12 months approved sea service on ships of 100 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (3) have completed approved education and training which meets the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding an approved trade certificate

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least 12 months approved sea service on ships of 100 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (3) have completed approved education and training which meets the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

**Division 7 – Engineer Officer Certificates (Fishing)**

**58. Chief Engineer Officer (Fishing)**

A candidate for the certificate of competency as chief engineer (fishing) shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as Chief Engineer (<2 000 kW Fishing).

- (1) have completed at least 6 (6) months sea service as second engineer on fishing vessels of 2 000 kW propulsion power or more, and

- (2) have completed approved education and training which meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding certificate of competency as Second Engineer (Fishing).

- (1) have at least 12 months sea service as officer in charge of engineering watch on fishing vessels of 2 000 kW propulsion power or more, of which at least 3 months shall be as a second engineer officer (fishing) and
- (2) have completed approved education and training which meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

### **59. Second Engineer Officer (Fishing)**

A candidate for the certificate of competency as Second Engineer Officer of a fishing vessel of any kilowatt's propulsion power shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry on accelerated training programme.

- (1) be not less than 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 12 months approved sea service in the engine department of a fishing vessel of 2000 kW propulsion power or more under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer; and
- (3) have completed approved education and training which meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making entry without accelerated training programme.

- (1) be not less than 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 18 months approved sea service in the engine department of a fishing vessel of 2000 kW propulsion power or more under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer; and
- (3) have completed approved education and training and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of competency as Second Engineer (<2000 kW Fishing)

- (1) have at least 6 months approved sea service as an officer in charge of engineering watch on fishing vessels of 2000 kW propulsion power or more; and
- (2) have completed approved education and training and meet the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code level 3 assessment.

**60. Chief Engineer Officer (<2000kW Fishing)**

A candidate for the certificate of competency as Chief Engineer Officer of a ship of less than 2000kW propulsion power fishing shall-

Candidates holding, as a minimum, a certificate of competency as Second Engineer (<2000 kW).

- (1) have approved sea service of 12 months as an officer in charge of engineering watch on fishing vessels of at least 750 kW but less than 2 000 kW propulsion power; and
- (2) have completed approved education and training and meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**61. Second Engineer Officer (<2000kW Fishing)**

A candidate for the certificate of competency as second engineer officer of a ship of less than 2000kW propulsion power fishing shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry on accelerated training programme.

- (1) be not less than 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 12 months approved sea service in the engine department of a fishing vessel of 750 kW but less than 2000 kW propulsion power under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer; and
- (3) have completed approved education and training which meets the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making entry without accelerated training programme.

- (1) be not less than 18 years of age;

(2) have at least 18 months approved sea service in the engine department of a fishing vessel of 750 kW but less than 2000 kW propulsion power under the supervision of a qualified engineer officer; and

(3) have completed approved education and training and meet the standards of competence specified in section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate and level 3 assessment.

### **Division 8 – Rating Certificates of Proficiency**

#### **62. Able Seafarer Deck**

For the certificate of proficiency as able seafarer deck, a candidate shall-

##### **Alternative A: Candidates without accelerated training programme**

(1) be at least 18 years of age;

(2) have completed, while holding as a minimum the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck, including provisional certificate, at least 18 months sea service in the deck department on trading ships of 100 GT or more on unlimited or near-coastal voyages and have completed an approved training record book; and

(3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

##### **Alternative B: Candidates following an accelerated training programme**

(1) be at least 18 years of age;

(2) have completed, while holding as a minimum the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck, including provisional certificate, at least 12 months sea service in the deck department on trading ships of 100 GT or more on unlimited or near-coastal voyages as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book; and

(3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

##### **Alternative C: Candidates holding a certificate of proficiency as able seafarer (fishing)**

(1) be at least 18 years of age;

(2) have at least 3 months sea service in the deck department on trading ships of 100 GT or more on unlimited or near-coastal voyages;



- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book as is applicable; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative D:** Candidates holding a certificate of proficiency as able seafarer (port operations)

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 12 months sea service in the deck department on trading ships of 100 GT or more on unlimited or near-coastal voyages;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book as is applicable; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

### **63. Able Seafarer Deck (Fishing)**

For the certificate of proficiency as able seafarer deck (fishing), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates without accelerated training programme.

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed, whilst holding as a minimum the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer, at least 18 months sea service in the deck department on fishing vessel of 25 GT or more on unlimited or near-coastal voyages and have completed an approved training record book; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates with accelerated training programme.

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed, whilst holding as a minimum the certificate of proficiency as Ordinary Seafarer deck, at least 12 months sea service in the deck department on fishing vessel of 25 GT or more on unlimited or near-coastal voyages as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative C:** Candidates holding a certificate of proficiency as able seafarer

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 3 months sea service in the deck department on fishing vessels of 25 GT or more on unlimited or near-coastal voyages;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book as is applicable; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative D:** Candidates holding a certificate of proficiency as able seafarer (port operations)

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have at least 6 months sea service in the deck department on fishing vessels of 25 GT or more on unlimited or near-coastal voyages;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book as is applicable; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**64. Able Seafarer Deck (Port Operations)**

For the certificate of proficiency as able seafarer deck (port operations), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates without accelerated training programme

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed, whilst holding as a minimum the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck at least 12 months port operations service on ships of 25 GT or more;
- (3) have completed, during the required port operations service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book; and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates following an accelerated training programme

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed, whilst holding as a minimum the certificate, or provisional certificate, of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck, at least 6 months port operations service on ships of 25 GT or more as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-II/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

#### **65. Ordinary Seafarer Deck**

- (1) For the purpose of this Regulation; a provisional certificate is valid for a period of 6 months from the date of issue and shall be exchanged for a certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the Authority within the period of validity.
- (2) For the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck, a candidate shall-

#### **Alternative A: Candidates without accelerated training programme**

- (1) be at least 16 years of age;
- (2) have at least 6 months sea service in the deck department on vessels of 25 GT or more on any voyages;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training with a steering certificate, that is documented in an approved training record book and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and
- (4) Hold the provisional certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the master of the ship on which the onboard training was completed.

#### **Alternative B: Candidates on accelerated training programme**

- (1) be at least 16 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least two months sea service in the deck department on vessels of 25 GT or more on any voyages as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and

(3) Hold the provisional certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the master of the ship on which the onboard training was completed.

#### **66. Ordinary Seafarer Deck (Fishing)**

(a) For the purpose of this Regulation, a provisional certificate is valid for a period of 6 months from the date of issue, and shall be exchanged for a certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the Authority within the period of validity.

(b) For the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck, a candidate shall-

#### **Alternative A: Candidates without accelerated training programme**

(1) be at least 16 years of age;

(2) have at least 6 months sea service in the deck department on fishing vessels of 25 GT or more on any voyages;

(3) have completed, during the required sea service, on-board training with a steering certificate and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and

(4) Hold the provisional certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the master of the ship on which the on-board training was completed.

#### **Alternative B: Candidates on accelerated training programme**

(1) be at least 16 years of age;

(2) have completed at least two months sea service in the deck department on fishing vessels of 25 GT or more on any voyages as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and

(3) Hold the provisional certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the master of the ship on which the onboard training was completed.

#### **67. Ordinary Seafarer Deck (Port Operations)**

(a) For the purpose of this Regulation; a provisional certificate is valid for a period of 6 months from the date of issue and shall be exchanged for a certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the Authority within the period of validity.

- (b) For the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates without accelerated training programme

- (1) be at least 16 years of age;
- (2) have at least 6 months sea service in the deck department on vessels of 25 GT or more on vessels engaged in port operations;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training with a steering certificate and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and
- (4) Hold the provisional certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the master of the ship on which the onboard training was completed.

**Alternative B:** Candidates on accelerated training programme

- (1) be at least 16 years of age;
- (2) have completed at least two months sea service in the deck department on vessels of 25 GT or more engaged in port operations as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and
- (3) Hold the provisional certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck issued by the master of the ship on which the onboard training was completed.

**68. Efficient cook**

For the certificate of proficiency as efficient cook, candidates shall-

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and
- (3) have at least 3 months sea service in the catering department on any of the following kinds of ships:
  - (a) trading ships of 100 GT or more engaged in mining operations or on unlimited or near-coastal voyages; or
  - (b) Fishing vessels requiring to have an efficient cook onboard.

**69. Able seafarer engine**

For the certificate of proficiency as able seafarer engine, a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates without accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed, while holding as a minimum the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine, including provisional certificate, at least 12 months sea service in the engine department on trading ships of 750 kW or more; and
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book; and have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified in Quality Standard System Section A-III/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates with accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed, while holding as a minimum the certificate, or provisional certificate, of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine at least 6 months sea service in the engine department on trading ships of 750 kW or as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System Section A-III/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**70. Able Seafarer engine (port operations)**

For the certificate of qualification as proficiency as able seafarer engine (port operations), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates without accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed, while holding as a minimum the certificate, or provisional certificate, of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine (port operations) or ordinary seafarer engine, at least 12 months port operations service on ships of 100 kW or more;
- (3) have completed, during the required port operations service, onboard training record book; and

(4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System Section A-III/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates with accelerated training

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) have completed, while holding as a minimum the certificate, or provisional certificate, of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine (port operation) or ordinary seafarer engine, at least 6 months port operations service on ships of 100 kW or more as part of an approved accelerated training programme that includes onboard training documented in an approved training record book; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System Section A-III/4 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

**71. Ordinary seafarer engine**

- (a) For the purpose of this Regulation; a provisional certificate is valid for a period of 6 months from the date of issue and shall be exchanged for a certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine issued by the Authority within the period of validity.
- (b) For the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine, a candidate shall:

**Alternative A:** Candidates making entry without accelerated training

- (1) be at least 16 years of age;
- (2) have at least 6 months service in the engine department on trading ships of 750 kW or more;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service, onboard training that is documented in an approved training record book and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and
- (4) Hold the provisional certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine issued by the chief engineer officer of the ship on which the onboard training was completed.

**Alternative B:** Candidates making entry with accelerated training

- (1) be at least 16 years of age;

(2) have completed at least two months service in the engine department on trading ships of 750 kW or more as part of an approved accelerated training programme documented in an approved training record book and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and

(3) Hold the provisional certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine issued by the chief engineer officer of the ship on which the onboard training was completed.

## **72. Ordinary Seafarer engine (Port Operations)**

(a) For the purpose of this Regulation; a provisional certificate is valid for a period of 6 months from the date of issue and shall be exchanged for a certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine issued by the Authority within the period of validity.

(b) For the certificate of proficiency as ordinary seafarer engine, a candidate shall:

### **Alternative A: Candidates making entry without accelerated training**

(1) be at least 16 years of age;

(2) have at least 6 months service in the engine department on trading ships of 100 kW or more;

### **Alternative B: Candidates making entry without accelerated training with accelerated programme**

(1) be at least 16 years of age;

(2) have at least two (2) months service in the engine department on trading ships of 100 kW or more;

## **73. Electro-technical rating**

A candidate for the certificate of competency as electro technical rating of a ship of 1 000 Volts and 750 kW propulsion power or more shall-

(1) be at least 18 years of age;

(2) have completed approved seagoing service including not less than 12 months training and experience; and

(3) have completed qualifications that meet the technical competences specified in in section A-III/ 7 of the STCW Code.



**74. General purpose rating (port operations) [engine]**

For the certificate of proficiency as general purpose rating (port operations), a candidate shall-

**Alternative A:** Candidates holding certificates of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck and ordinary seafarer engine

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) whilst holding the certificates of proficiency as ordinary seafarer deck and as ordinary seafarer engine have at least 18 months sea service or port operations service on ships of 25 GT or more made up of:
  - (a) at least 6 months in the deck department;
  - (b) at least 6 months in the engine department;
  - (c) the remaining 6 months in either deck or engine department;
- (3) have completed, during the required sea service or port operations service, an approved onboard training record book (deck and engine); and
- (4) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified Quality Standards System for this Certificate.

**Alternative B:** Candidates holding a certificate of proficiency as able seafarer deck/engine

- (1) whilst holding the certificates of proficiency as able seafarer deck/engine have at least 6 months sea service or port operations service in the engine-room/deck department of ships of 25 GT or more which shall be comprised as follows:
  - (a) 2 months sea service as engine/deck hand; and
  - (b) 4 months whilst holding provisional certificate of competency as ordinary seafarer engine/deck;
- (2) have completed, during the required sea service or port operations service, an approved onboard training record book; and
- (3) have completed approved training and meet the standards of competence specified the in Quality Standards System for this Certificate.

**Division 9 –Special Training for Personnel on certain types of Ships****75. Special requirements for personnel on oil and chemical tankers**

(1) In addition to other training required by these Regulations, officers and ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on oil and chemical tankers shall hold a certificate in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations. A candidate for a certificate in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations shall-

(a) have completed, in the proceeding five years, at least 3 months approved sea service on oil or chemical tankers; or

(b) have completed approved basic training for oil and chemical tankers and meet the standards of competence specified the in Section A-III/1-1 of the STCW Code for this Certificate;

(2) Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on oil tankers shall hold a certificate in advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations. A candidate for a certificate in advanced training in oil tanker cargo operations shall-

(a) hold a certificate in basic training in oil and chemical tanker cargo operations, and while holding this certificate;

(b) while holding the certificate in basic training in oil and chemical tanker cargo operations

(i) have completed, in the preceding five years, at least 3 months approved sea service on oil tankers; or

(ii) at least one month of approved onboard training on oil tankers, in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least 3 loading and 3 unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book

(c) have completed approved advance training for oil tanker cargo operations and meet standards of competence specified in section A-III/1-1 of the STCW Code for this Certificate for this Certificate.

(3) Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo-related operations on chemical tankers shall hold a certificate in advanced training for chemical tanker cargo operations. A candidate for a certificate in advanced training in chemical tanker cargo operations shall-

- (a) hold a certificate in basic training in oil and chemical tanker cargo operations, and while holding this certificate;
  - (b) while qualified for certification in basic training for oil and chemical tanker cargo operations, have:
    - (i) at least 3 months of approved seagoing service on chemical tankers, or
    - (ii) at least one month of approved onboard training on chemical tankers, in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least 3 loading and 3 unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book
  - (c) have completed approved advance training for chemical tanker cargo operations and meet standards of competence specified in section A-III/1-1 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.
- (4) Masters, officers and ratings who are qualified in accordance with this Regulation shall be required, at intervals not exceeding five years, to show continued professional competence on the type of tanker for which the certificate of proficiency or endorsement is required to be revalidated, in accordance with Regulation 3(2) and 3(3).
- (5) Continued professional competence for chemical tankers referred to in paragraph (3) above shall be established by:
- (a) approved seagoing service, performing duties appropriate to the chemical tanker certificate or endorsement held, for a period of at least 3 months in total during the preceding 5 years; or
  - (b) Successfully completing an approved relevant training course or courses.

#### **76. Special requirements for personnel on Ships Subject to the IGF Code**

- (1) This Regulation applies to masters, officers and ratings and other personnel serving on board ships subject to the IGF Code.
- (2) Prior to being assigned shipboard duties on board ships subject to the IGF Code, seafarers shall have completed the training required by paragraphs 3 to 8 below in accordance with their capacity, duties and responsibilities.
- (3) Seafarers responsible for designated safety duties associated with the care, use or in emergency response to the fuel on board ships subject to the IGF Code shall hold a certificate in basic training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code.

(4) Every candidate for a certificate in basic training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code shall have completed basic training in accordance with the standards specified in Section A-III/3 of the STCW Code for this Certificate

(5) Seafarers responsible for designated safety duties associated with the care, use or in emergency response to the fuel on board ships subject to the IGF Code who have been qualified and certified according to Regulation 75(1) are to be considered as having met the requirements specified in paragraph 4 above for basic training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code.

(6) Masters, engineer officers and all personnel with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels and fuel systems on ships subject to the IGF Code shall hold a certificate in advanced training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code.

(7) Every candidate for a certificate in advanced training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code shall, while holding the Certificate of Proficiency described in paragraph 3, have:

(a) completed approved advanced training for service on ships subject to the IGF Code and meet the standard of competence as specified in the Code; and

(b) Completed at least one month of approved seagoing service that includes a minimum of 3 bunkering operations on board ships subject to the IGF Code. Two of the 3 bunkering operations may be replaced by approved simulator training on bunkering operations as part of the training in sub-paragraph (a) above.

(8) Masters, engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels on ships subject to the IGF Code who have been qualified and certified according to Regulation 75 (2) are to be considered as having met the requirements specified in paragraph 7 above for advanced training for ships subject to the IGF Code, provided they have also:

(a) met the requirements of paragraph 5; and

(b) met the bunkering requirements of paragraph 7(b) or have participated in conducting 3 cargo operations on board the liquefied gas tanker; and

(c) have completed sea going service of 3 months in the previous five years on board:

(i) ships subject to the IGF Code;

- (ii) tankers carrying as cargo, fuels covered by the IGF Code; or
- (iii) Ships using gases or low flashpoint fuel as fuel.

(9) The Authority shall issue a Certificate of Proficiency to seafarers who are qualified in accordance with paragraphs 3 or 6, as appropriate.

(10) Seafarers holding Certificates of Proficiency in accordance with paragraph 3 or 6 above shall, at intervals not exceeding five years, undertake appropriate refresher training or be required to provide evidence of having achieved the required standard of competence within the previous five years.

#### **77. Special requirements for Deck Officers on ships operating in Polar Waters**

(1) Masters, chief mates and officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships operating in polar waters shall hold a certificate in basic training for ships operating in polar waters, as required by the Polar Code.

(2) Every candidate for a certificate in basic training for ships operating in polar waters shall have completed an approved basic training for ships operating in polar waters and meet the standard of competence specified the Section A-III/4 of the STCW Code Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

(3) Masters and chief mates on ships operating in polar waters, shall hold a certificate in advanced training for ships operating in polar waters, as required by the Polar Code.

(4) Every candidate for a certificate in advanced training for ships operating in polar waters shall:

- (a) hold a certificate in basic training for ships in polar waters;
- (b) have at least 2 months of approved seagoing service in the deck department, at management level or while performing watchkeeping duties at the operational level, within polar waters or other equivalent approved seagoing service; and
- (c) have completed approved advanced training for ships operating in polar waters and meet the standard of competence specified in Section A-III/4 of the STCW-Code for this Certificate.

(5) The Authority shall issue a Certificate of Proficiency to seafarers who are qualified in accordance with paragraphs 2 or 4, as appropriate.

(6) Until 1 July 2020, seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service in polar waters prior to 1 July 2018 shall be able to establish that they meet the requirements basic training for ships operating in polar waters by:

- (a) having completed approved seagoing service on board a ship operating in polar waters or equivalent approved seagoing service, performing duties in the deck department at the operational or management level, for a period of at least 3 months in total during the preceding five years; or
  - (b) Having successfully completed a training course meeting the training guidance established by the Organization for ships operating in polar waters.
- (7) Until 1 July 2020, seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service in polar waters prior to 1 July 2018 shall be able to establish that they meet the requirements of advanced training for ships operating in polar waters by:
- (a) having completed approved seagoing service on board a ship operating in polar waters or equivalent approved seagoing service, performing duties in the deck department at management level, for a period of at least 3 months in total during the preceding five years; or
  - (b) having successfully completed a training course meeting the training guidance established by the Organization for ships operating in polar waters and having completed approved seagoing service on board a ship operating in polar waters or equivalent approved seagoing service, performing duties in the deck department at the management level, for a period of at least 2 months in total during the preceding five years.

#### **78. Special requirements for personnel on gas tankers**

- (1) In addition to other training required by these Regulations, officers and ratings assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on liquefied gas tankers shall hold a certificate in basic training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations. A candidate for a certificate in basic training for liquefied gas tanker cargo operations shall-
- (a) have completed, in the preceding five years, at least 3 months sea service on gas tankers; or
  - (b) have completed approved basic training for liquefied gas tankers cargo operations and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate;
- (2) Masters, chief engineer officers, chief mates, second engineer officers and any person with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo related operations on liquefied gas tankers shall hold a certificate in advanced training for liquefied

gas tanker cargo operations. Candidates for a certificate in advanced training for liquefied gas tanker shall-

- (a) hold a certificate in basic training in liquefied gas tanker cargo operations;
  - (b) while holding the certificate in basic training in liquefied gas tanker cargo operations
    - (i) have completed, in the preceding five years, at least 3 months approved sea service on a gas tanker; or
    - (ii) at least one month of approved onboard training on oil tankers, in a supernumerary capacity, which includes at least 3 loading and 3 unloading operations and is documented in an approved training record book
  - (c) have completed approved advance training for liquefied gas tankers and meet the standards of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.
- (3) Masters, officers and ratings who are qualified in accordance with this Regulation shall be required, at intervals not exceeding five years, to show continued professional competence on the type of tanker for which the certificate of proficiency or endorsement is required to be revalidated, in accordance with Regulation 3(2) and 3(3).
- (4) Continued professional competence for tankers referred to in paragraph (.4) above shall be established by:
- (a) approved seagoing service, performing duties appropriate to the tanker certificate or endorsement held, for a period of at least 3 months in total during the preceding 5 years; or
  - (b) Successfully completing an approved relevant training course or courses.

#### **79. Special requirements for personnel on passenger ships**

- (1) This Regulation applies to masters, officers, ratings and other personnel serving on passenger ships engaged on near-coastal or unlimited voyages. Ships of Class IIA, V and Class VI passenger ships, within the classes of Regulation 4 of the Life Saving Equipment Regulations, 1968, shall comply with sub regulation[s] (4) and (5) in accordance with their level of responsibility.
- (2) Prior to being assigned shipboard duties on passenger ships, seafarers referred to in sub regulation (1) shall have successfully completed training

required by subregulations (4) to (7) in accordance with their capacity, duties and responsibilities and shall be issued with documentary evidence attesting the successful completion of training.

(3) Seafarers who are required to be trained in accordance with subregulations (4), (6) and (7) shall, at intervals not exceeding five years demonstrate continued professional competence by serving in the appropriate capacity for at least 12 months in the preceding five years or complete approved (refresher) training and meet the standards of competence specified in Section A-III/2 of the STCW Code for this Certificate.

(4) Masters, officers and other personnel designated on muster lists to assist passengers in emergency situations on passenger ships shall have completed approved training in crowd management and meet the standard of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

(5) Personnel providing direct service to passenger in passenger[s] spaces shall have completed approved training in passenger ship safety and meet the standard of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

(6) Masters, chief mates, chief engineers, second engineer officers and every person having responsibility for the safety of passengers in emergency situations on passenger ships shall have completed approved training in crisis management and human behaviour and meet the standard of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

(7) Masters, chief mates, chief engineers, second engineer officers and every person assigned immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passengers, loading , discharging or securing cargo, or closing hull operations on passenger ships shall have completed approved training in passenger safety, cargo safety and hull integrity and meet the standard of competence specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

#### **PART 4 - TRAINING**

In this part,

**'Training'** is inclusive of, but not limited to:

- (a) academic education programmes towards certificates of competency
- (b) short courses required by seafarers to acquire specific skills, knowledge, competencies and proficiencies



- (c) onboard training required towards certification, including accelerated training

## 80. Maritime training providers

(1) The Authority may grant an accreditation to a training provider to conduct any training required by the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers Quality Standard System. Such accreditation given in terms of these Regulations and the requirements set out in the Quality Standards System shall:

- (a) be given in writing;
- (b) not be valid for a period exceeding 3 years;
- (c) may, immediately after an audit, be altered, suspended or cancelled, provided that if the accreditation is cancelled, a minimum of 30 days' notice shall be given.

(2) To be accredited as maritime training provider authorised to conduct approved training in terms of these Regulations, a training provider shall:

- (a) have a Quality Standards (Management) System in place which meets the requirements set out in the Authority's Quality Standards (Management) System
- (b) have appointed qualified instructors and s who meet the criteria as set out in the Quality Standards System of the Authority
- (c) conduct independent evaluation of the audits annually and submit a copy to the Authority;
- (d) have the required and accredited facilities and training equipment as specified in the Quality Standard System for each of the certificated courses they offer.;
- (e) shall provide free access to the Authority for documents related to the accreditation to provide approved training in terms of this Regulations within two days of such request.

(3) Application for accreditation shall be made in the form and manner specified by the Quality Standards System of the Authority.

(4) For accreditation, a maritime training provider must allow the Authority:

- (a) to inspect the provider's facilities, training and assessment arrangements, methods and materials; and
- (b) to interview the provider's students, administrative personnel, training instructors and s and to conduct an internal audit.
- (5) An accredited maritime training provider shall:
- (a) make available to the Authority any information it may require about approved training offered by the provider; and
- (b) inform the Authority, without delay, of any change in the personnel delivering the training or the methods or material for delivering it.
- (6) Every accredited training provider authorised to conduct level 2 assessments in terms of Regulation 18 shall:
- (a) submit, for moderation by an Assessor, all final examination question papers and memoranda 30 days before the examination is written by candidates;
- (b) submit, for moderation by an Assessor, final examination scripts, before a final mark is given to the candidates;
- (c) make available to an Assessor any examination scripts, assessment results, course assignments, progress reports or other training-related reports that the Authority may require; and
- (d) for audit purposes, keep for at least five years the information referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).
- (7) An Assessor may visit an accredited maritime training provider at any reasonable time to inspect and audit the conduct of any activity covered by the provider's accreditation to ascertain continued compliance and conformance with the conditions of accreditation.
- (8) Where an accredited institution has been found to have contravened, in a way which cannot be rectified, the conditions of accreditation, the Authority may refuse to accredit such an institution.
- (9) For the purpose of these Regulations, the requirements of the Authority towards an accreditation constitute the conditions of accreditation.
- (10) To be accredited in terms of these Regulations, a training programme or course shall be structured in accordance with written programmes that-

- (a) are based on the relevant syllabuses the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and
  - (b) include such methods and media of delivery, procedures, and course material as are necessary to achieve the standards of competence specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.
- (11) The Authority shall publish a marine notice with details of courses and institutions accredited.

#### **81. Accelerated training programmes**

- (1) To be approved in terms of the Convention and these Regulations, an accelerated training programme shall-
- (a) be set out in a training plan that states, for each stage of the programme:
    - (i) the objectives;
    - (ii) the outcomes, taking into account the relevant competencies specified in the Quality Standard System for this Certificate; and
    - (iii) how the outcomes will be achieved;
  - (b) provide an accredited intensive and systematic practical training and experience in the duties and responsibilities associated with the kind of certification concerned;
  - (c) be conducted, supervised and evaluated by persons qualified in accordance with sub-regulations (2), (3) and (4), respectively;
  - (d) provide appropriate periods, within the normal operational requirements of the ship, for the completion of on-board training; and
  - (e) provide for the keeping of comprehensive records in relation to training conducted under the programme.
- (2) An accelerated training programme shall be overseen by an appropriately qualified and certificated Training Officer who;
- (a) is qualified in the task for which the training is being conducted; and
  - (b) have a thorough understanding of the training programme and of the specific objectives for each type of training being conducted.

- (3) A person assessing the competence of a candidate undergoing accelerated training shall-
- (a) be experienced and possessing an appropriate level of knowledge and understanding of the competencies to be assessed;
  - (b) be qualified in the task for which the assessment is being made;
  - (c) have received appropriate guidance in assessment methods and practice; and
  - (d) if conducting assessment involving the use of simulators, have gained practical assessment experience on the particular type of simulator under the supervision and to the satisfaction of an experienced Assessor.
- (4) Application for approval shall be made in the form and manner, include the information, and be accompanied by, the documents specified by as set out in the Quality Standards System of the Authority.
- (5) The Authority may approve ships carrying more than 12 cadets where approved procedures, policies, training officers, accommodation and facilities are provided as training ships.
- (6) Accelerated on-board training shall be recorded in an approved training record book in accordance with the Convention.
- (7) Every accelerated training programme approved by the Authority shall be published in a marine notice.

## **82. Duties of masters and persons conducting in-service training**

- (1) Every person conducting in-service training shall ensure that:
- (a) appropriate periods are set aside for completion of the programme of on-board training within the normal operational requirements of the ship;
  - (b) at the beginning of the programme and at the start of each voyage on a different ship, candidates are given comprehensive information and guidance as to what is expected of them and how the training programme is to be conducted;
  - (c) a training officer is designated to administer the programme;
  - (d) ship's officers who are responsible for training and assessment know and understand their duties and responsibilities regarding training;

- (e) during the required period of qualifying service, a candidate receives systematic practical training and experience in the tasks, duties and responsibilities relevant to the certificate desired, with due regard to the competencies specified in the training record book;
  - (f) assessments of a candidate are conducted, without undue delay, when a candidate is ready for assessment;
  - (g) the on-board training forms an integral part of the overall training plan;
  - (h) the programme of on-board training is managed and co-ordinated by the person managing the ship on which the qualifying service is to be performed; and
  - (i) A comprehensive record is kept of all training conducted.
- (2) Every person designated as a training officer pursuant to sub regulation (1)(c) shall be responsible for:
- (a) the overall administration of the training programme;
  - (b) monitoring candidates' progress throughout such programme; and
  - (c) Giving guidance, when necessary, and ensuring that the training programme is conducted properly.
- (3) A master's responsibilities will be:
- (a) to provide the link between the ship's officers responsible for training and the training officer ashore;
  - (b) to designate, in writing, the ship's officers who are to be responsible for organising and supervising on-board training for each voyage;
  - (c) to ensure continuity in the case of any change of ship's officers during voyages; and
  - (d) To ensure that all personnel concerned carry out effectively the on-board training programme.
- (4) Unless the master directs otherwise in the interests of the safe operation of the ship, every ship's officer designated pursuant to sub regulation (3)(b) shall be responsible for:

- (a) organising the programme of practical training at sea;
- (b) ensuring, in a supervisory capacity, that training record books are properly maintained and that all other requirements are met; and
- (c) ensuring, so far as practicable, that the time the candidate spends on board is as useful as possible in terms of training and experience, and is consistent with the objectives of the training programme and the progress of training.

## **PART 5 – PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL FITNESS AND EYESIGHT EXAMINATION FOR SEAFARERS**

### **83. Application of Part 5**

- (1) Every seafarer who is required to be physical and medically fit by the Act shall meet the criteria established by Regulation 1/9 of the STCW Code and hold a medical certificate issued by an appropriately qualified and experienced medical practitioner approved by the Authority in accordance with the Quality Standard System for the appointment of medical practitioners.
- (2) A valid medical certificate shall be produced by every seafarer when;
  - (a) Applying for certification. or revalidation of certificate as required by these Regulations
  - (b) When engaged on board a ship as prescribed in sections 92, 101 or 111 of the Act
  - (c) Applying for a Seafarer's Record Book
- (3) Every person engaged on a ship performing watchkeeping duties as required by Part 5 & 6 of these Regulations shall also hold a valid Colour and Vision test certificates
- (4) The Authority may continue to conduct the eyesight tests using as minimum the Table A-1/9 of the STCW Code for a period not exceeding 24 months from the date which these Regulations become effective.

### **84. Validity of a Medical Certificate and the Colour and Vision Test Certificate**

- (1) A medical certificate shall be valid, from the date which the candidate was examined, for a period not exceeding two years, except:
  - (a) Where the Medical Practitioner have found the candidate to have conditions that requires to be reviewed at an interval shorter than two

years, in which case the certificate shall be valid for the period determined by the medical practitioner

(b) Where the seafarer is under the age of 18, the medical fitness certificate shall be valid for a period of one year

(2) An eyesight test certificate shall be valid as follows:

(a) A visual acuity test shall be valid, from the date which the candidate is examined, for a period not exceeding two years.

(b) A colour vision test is valid, from the date which the candidate is examined, for a period not exceeding 6 years

#### **85. Approval of Medical Practitioners to perform Medical Examination of Seafarers**

(1) The Authority may approve [recognise] a medical practitioner for the purpose of issuing a medical fitness certificate and/or colour and vision test certificate as required by these Regulations under such conditions that the Authority determines in the Quality Standards System

(2) To be approved as a medical practitioner in terms of these Regulations, to issue a medical fitness certificate, the applicant must:

(a) be a medical doctor and:

(i) hold an Occupational Medicine certificate, or

(ii) have completed at least one year experience as a ship's doctor, or

(iii) 3 years as a 'shipping company' doctor, or

(iv) 3 years under the supervision of a medical practitioner approved under these Regulations

(b) comply with the requirements set out in the Quality Standards

(3) To be approved as a medical practitioner in terms of these Regulations, to issue an eyesight test certificate, the applicant must

(a) be a Doctor of Optometry, and

(b) comply with the requirements set out in the Quality Standards

- (4) The Authority may approve a group of medical practitioners together provided that they meet the requirements in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and share facilities
- (5) An approval granted by the Authority under this part shall be in writing and be issued in accordance with the Quality Standards System
- (6) An approval under this Part shall be valid for a period not exceeding 3 years.
- (7) The Authority may vary, suspend, revoke or cancel an approval issued under this Part when there's prima facie evidence of non-compliance with the conditions of such approval
- (8) Medical Practitioners approved by the Authority under the Regulations that existed immediately before this part comes into force shall continue to be so approved until the date of expiry on their certificate of approval
- (9) The Authority shall publish the list of approved medical practitioners on a regular basis

#### **86. Medical Examination and Certification of Seafarers**

- (1) Medical Examination of Seafarers shall be conducted by a Medical Practitioner approved under this part of the Regulations following guidance provided the Quality Standard System for this Certificate. In conducting such examination, the Medical Practitioner shall;
  - (a) verify the identity of the seafarer, an identification number shall be reflected on the seafarer's medical and eyesight examination record and certificate
  - (b) collect the medical history of the candidate
  - (c) verify/determine the position of the seafarer onboard the ship in order to understand the mental and physical demands of the job
- (2) A seafarer found to be medically fit must be issued with a Medical and Eyesight Test certificate, with appropriate annotations, in the form and manner set out in the Quality Standards System of the Authority
- (3) A seafarer found to be medically unfit must be issued with a Medical and Eyesight Test certificate declaring the candidate as unfit, using appropriate annotations, in the form and manner set out in the Quality Standards System of the Authority

#### **87. Appeals against medical and eyesight fitness decisions**



- (1) If an applicant is found by a medical Assessor to be unfit for service at sea, the applicant, his or her employer, may appeal against the finding to the Authority to have the decision reviewed.
- (2) Upon receiving an appeal, SAMSA shall establish a medical appeal panel consists of at least four members appointed by the Authority, which must consist of:
  - (a) 3 medical practitioners, who are themselves approved in accordance with these Regulations, one of whom must be appointed as chairperson;
  - (b) the Chief Assessor, or any other person appointed by him, to provide secretariat functions to the appeal; and
  - (c) any other persons deemed suitable by the panel to ensure that the panel reaches a fair and just decision
- (3) the Authority shall ensure that panel is assembled and sits within 3 working days of the appeal being launched
- (4) A decision of the majority of the members of a medical appeal panel is taken to be a decision of the panel.
- (5) Where the panel overturns the decision of the Medical Practitioner, the chairperson of the Panel must issue the candidate with a medical fitness certificate
- (6) The cost of the appeal shall be borne by the parties involved as set out in the Determination of Charges.

## **88. Medical Fitness Standards**

- (1) The Authority shall establish the Medical Fitness and Eyesight standards the Quality Standard System for this Certificate. Such standards must conform as closely as possible to guidance published by the IMO and other United Nations entities as well as local medical standards
- (2) The Authority may establish a medical forum for medical practitioners approved in accordance with these Regulations. The purpose of the forum may include, but not limited to;
  - (a) the review of medical and eyesight standards and ensure their currency, relevancy and correlation with regards to medical practices in the country.

(b) discussions of medical and eyesight matters that arose in a specific period to ensure that there's knowledge sharing

(3) The Authority shall, within the 180 days of this Part coming into force, publish the Medical Fitness Standards

#### **89. Use of medicines and medical technology**

(1) A seafarer may only be declared to be fit, without restrictions or limitations, when they meet all the requirements for medical fitness, visual acuity, hearing, colour vision or lookout duties when they meet these standards unaided by medication or medical technology.

(2) Where a seafarer meets the requirements with the use of medication or medical technology, such must be declared by the medical practitioners in the medical certificate with appropriate limitations and restrictions.

(3) The medical Assessor shall place such restrictions or limitations, or declare as unfit, a seafarer who is using medication that restrict or limit the ability to perform some or all duties of a seafarer

(4) Seafarers who use visual aids to meet visual acuity may be deemed to be fit provided;

(a) they carry a separate pair of contact lenses or spectacles

(b) colour correcting lenses are not permitted during the tests and whilst serving onboard a ship

(5) Hearing aids are not permitted except in the case of serving seafarers who have produced a previous medical fitness certificate issued under these Regulations

### **PART 6 - MANNING REQUIREMENTS**

#### **90. Application**

(1) Subject to sub regulation (4) of this Regulation, these Regulations apply to every South African ship wherever it may be.

(2) In addition, Regulation[s] 92, 93, 94, 119, 120 and 121 applies to every foreign ship to which the Safety Convention, STCW Convention or STCW-F Convention applies, when in the Republic or its territorial waters.

- (3) A provision of these Regulations does not apply to a South African ship in the waters of another State where the provision is inconsistent with a law of that State that, by its terms, applies to the ship when in the waters of that State.
- (4) These Regulations do not apply to:
- (a) vessels of less than 25 GT;
  - (b) any vessel of less than 100 GT that is used solely for sport or recreation;
  - (c) any vessel of 100 GT or more that is classified in terms of the life-saving equipment Regulations as a class XII yacht if there is employed on the vessel an adequate number and description of persons to ensure that the vessel is sufficiently and efficiently manned; and
  - (d) Ships owned by the defence force of the Republic or any other country.

#### **91. Responsibilities of owners and masters**

- (1) The owner of every ship shall ensure that:
- (a) no ship's officer takes charge of a navigational or engineering watch on the ship unless he or she holds appropriate valid certification entitling him or her to do so;
  - (b) no rating forms part of a navigational or engineering watch on the ship unless he or she holds appropriate valid certification entitling him or her to do so;
  - (c) the master and every ship's officer have appropriate experience of the type of ship on which he or she is employed;
  - (d) the master and every seafarer employed on the ship, before being allowed to assume his or her assigned duties, are familiarised with their specific duties and with all the ship's arrangements, installations, equipment, procedures and characteristics relevant to their routine and emergency duties;
  - (e) all seafarers employed on fishing vessels shall have completed approved Personal Survival Techniques training;
  - (f) every person employed on the ship and designated to have safety or pollution prevention duties, holds documentary evidence of having successfully completed an appropriate training in Basic Training as set out in Regulation 2;

- (g) the ship's crew can effectively co-ordinate activities in an emergency situation and in performing functions vital to safety or to the prevention or mitigation of pollution;
- (h) all seafarers on vessels other than fishing vessels, shall have completed approved basic training;
- (i) documentation and data relevant to the master and seafarers employed on the ship are maintained and readily available for inspection, including documentation and data relevant to their experience, training, medical fitness and competency in assigned duties.
- (2) Without limiting the owner's obligations under sub regulation (1), it is the duty of the master to ensure that the requirements of that sub regulation are complied with in relation to the seafarers employed on the ship.
- (3) Nothing in sub regulation (1) (a) to (f) prohibits the allocation of tasks for training under supervision or in case of force majeure.
- (4) The owner and the master of every ship shall ensure that,
- (a) in addition to the ship's officers and other persons prescribed by these Regulations or elsewhere in terms of the Act, there are employed as crew of the ship an adequate number and description of persons to ensure that the ship is sufficiently and efficiently manned.
- (b) for the purposes of paragraph (a) and Regulation 90(4) (c), a ship shall be deemed to be sufficiently and efficiently manned if, in the opinion of the proper officer, it has as crew suitably qualified persons to enable it to go to sea with due regard to the requirements of the life-saving equipment Regulations, the collision Regulations, the radio Regulations, and any other safety provisions that may be applicable to the ship.
- (c) The proper officer shall, when determining the adequacy of the crew in accordance with this sub regulation, take the following into account:
- (i) the complement normally carried by similar ships employed on similar voyages or operations;
- (ii) the complement that the ship in question has recently carried on previous voyages or operations;
- (iii) the complement adequate to ensure compliance with Regulations 92 and 93; and
- (iv) The nature of the service for which the ship is intended.

(5) The Authority shall, as and when necessary, issue a marine notice specifying the number of persons to constitute the crew of a ship and the capacities in which those persons are to serve other than persons prescribed in these Regulations or elsewhere in terms of the Act.

## **92. Watchkeeping standards**

(1) Owners, masters, and watchkeeping personnel shall observe the requirements and principles set out in Annexes 1 and 2, to ensure that a safe continuous watch, appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions, is maintained in all ships at all times.

(2) Without limiting sub regulation (1), the master of every ship shall ensure that watchkeeping arrangements are adequate for maintaining a safe watch, taking into account the prevailing circumstances and conditions, and that, under the master's general direction-

(a) officers in charge of the navigational watch are responsible for navigating the ship safely during their periods of duty, when they shall be physically present on the navigating bridge or in a directly associated location such as the chartroom or bridge control room at all times;

(b) radio operators are responsible for maintaining a continuous radio watch on appropriate frequencies during their periods of duty;

(c) officers in charge of the engineering watch, under the direction of the chief engineer officer, are immediately available and on call to attend the machinery spaces and, when required, are physically present in the machinery space during periods of duty; and

(d) an appropriate and effective watch is maintained for the purpose of safety at all times, while the ship is at anchor or moored and, if the ship is carrying hazardous cargo, the organisation of the watch takes full account of the nature, quantity, packing and stowage of the hazardous cargo and of any special conditions prevailing on board, afloat or ashore.

## **93. Hours of work: general duties of owners, masters and others**

(1) The master and owner shall take account of the danger posed by fatigue of seafarers, especially those whose duties involve the safe and secure operation of that ship. In preventing fatigue, owners shall take into account the guidelines provided by the Authority.

(2) All persons who are assigned duty as officer in charge of a watch or as a rating forming part of a watch and those whose duties involve designated

safety, prevention of pollution and security duties shall be provided with a rest period of not less than:

- (a) a minimum of 10 hours of rest in any 24-hour period; and
  - (b) 77 hours in any 7-day period.
- (3) The hours of rest may be divided into no more than two periods, one of which shall be at least 6 hours in length, and the intervals between consecutive periods of rest shall not exceed 14 hours.
- (4) The requirements for rest periods laid down in sub regulation (2) need not be maintained in the case of an emergency or in other overriding operational conditions. Musters, fire-fighting and lifeboat drills, and drills prescribed by national laws and Regulations and by international instruments, shall be conducted in a manner that minimises the disturbance of rest periods and does not induce fatigue.
- (5) The master and owner are required to post watch schedules where they are easily accessible. The schedules shall be established in a format specified by the Authority in one of the official languages of the Republic and in English.
- (6) If a seafarer is on call, such as when a machinery space is unattended, the seafarer shall have an adequate compensatory rest period if the normal period of rest is disturbed.
- (7) The master and owner shall require that records of daily hours of rest of seafarers be maintained in a format published by the Authority or approved format containing similar information, in the working language of the ship and a translation into English, to allow monitoring and verification of compliance with the provisions of this Regulation. The seafarer shall receive a copy of the record pertaining to him or her, which shall be endorsed by the master or by a person authorised by the master and the seafarer.
- (8) Nothing in this Regulation shall be deemed to impair the right of the master of a ship to require a seafarer to perform any hours of work necessary for the immediate safety of the ship, persons on board or cargo, or for the purpose of giving assistance to other ships or persons in distress at sea. Accordingly, the master may suspend the schedule of hours of rest and require a seafarer to perform any hours of work necessary until normal operations has been restored. As soon as practicable after the normal operations has been restored, the master shall ensure that any seafarers who have performed work in a scheduled rest period are provided with an adequate period of rest.

- (9) The master or owners may allow exceptions from the required hours of rest in sub regulation 2(b) provided that the rest period is not less than 70 hours in any 7-day period.
- (10) Exceptions from the weekly rest period provided for in sub regulation 2 shall not be allowed for more than two consecutive weeks. The intervals between two periods of exceptions on board shall not be less than twice the duration of the exception.
- (11) The hours of rest provided for in sub regulation 2 may be divided into no more than 3 periods, one of which shall be at least 6 hours in length and neither of the other two periods shall be less than one hour in length. The intervals between consecutive periods of rest shall not exceed 14 hours. Exceptions shall not extend beyond two 24-hour periods in any 7-day period.
- (12) The owner and/or master [of] every ship shall provide a schedule of duties setting out, amongst others, the following:
- (a) hours of work for each seafarer on watchkeeping or ship handling duties; and
  - (b) specifying minimum rest periods in accordance with this Regulation.
- (13) The schedule of duties shall be kept onboard and be made available for all watchkeeping seafarers and those with duties and responsibility for safety and pollution prevention.
- (14) Records of hours of rest and any deviations from these requirements shall be kept onboard for minimum period of five years.
- (15) Every master and seafarer shall ensure that they are properly rested.
- (16) Any exceptions that the master makes against the hours as stated in subregulations (8), (9), (10) and (11) shall be recorded in the Official Log Book or deck log book stating the circumstances resulting in such exceptions.

#### **94. Alcohol and drug abuse**

- (1) The master and owner of the ship shall establish procedures for preventing alcohol abuse by masters, officers and other seafarers with designated safety, security and marine environmental duties. Owners shall develop policies regarding the drug and alcohol testing.
- (2) Masters, officers and other seafarers while performing designated safety, security and marine environmental duties, shall not have alcohol content above the following limits:

- (a) a limit of not greater than 0,05% blood alcohol level, and zero illicit narcotics in the blood; or
  - (b) 0,25 mg/l alcohol in the breath or a quantity of alcohol leading to such alcohol concentration.
- (3) Policies and procedures shall establish and distinguish planned and ad-hoc alcohol and illicit drug testing.
- (4) Planned drug and alcohol testing done in accordance with this Regulation shall be recorded in the Official Log Book or deck log book. Where ad-hoc testing is conducted, full details of the circumstances for such a test shall be recorded in the Official Log Book or deck log book.

#### **95. Determination of minimum number of persons employed on South African ships**

- (1) Employment of officers and ratings on-board a South African ship shall be, as a minimum, in accordance with relevant Regulation in Part 6.
- (2) This Regulation does not limit the power of the Proper Officer to issue and determine suitable manning levels as authorised by Regulation 91(4).
- (3) The Proper Officer may request that the owner and/or master of a ship which is engaged in operations to which Part 6 are deemed to be insufficient to conduct a risk assessment to establish minimum safe manning levels.
- (4) The owner and/or master may apply to the Proper Officer at the nearest port for the number of certificated officers and ratings to be determined in accordance with this sub regulation. The Proper Officer may only issue such an alternative manning after:
- (a) the owner has applied in writing, motivating the deviation from the manning levels provided in Part 6, and has provided a risk assessment. Should the application be for multiple vessels, such vessels shall be similar in size and operations; and
  - (b) the Proper Officer, if in agreement with the application in subparagraph (a) shall-
    - (i) appoint a surveyor to review the risk assessment and make recommendations to him; and
    - (ii) if satisfied, issue a safe manning document with such alternative manning levels established in accordance with the risk assessment and recommendations of a surveyor.



(5) The risk assessment referred to in sub regulation (3) shall be conducted as prescribed by the Authority and remains valid until any one of the instances below:

- (a) not more than five years from date of issue;
- (b) not valid when the ownership or operations have been changed;
- (c) if the ship's safety certificates issued in terms of the Act have lapsed for a period of more than 3 months without notification to the Authority; and
- (d) if the vessel is not maintained in a seaworthy state such that any inspection finds deficiencies of the following nature:
  - (i) regular non-compliance with minimum rest hours; and
  - (ii) Poor maintenance of the ship.

#### **96. Employment of persons holding foreign certificates**

(1) For the purposes of section 83(1) of the Act, the owner of a ship to which the STCW, the STCW-F Conventions and the MLC applies shall not employ on the ship, as master or ship's officer, any person who holds a certificate issued by or on behalf of the government of another country, unless-

- (a) that person's certificate has been endorsed in accordance with Regulation 97; or
- (b) In the absence of such an endorsement, the certificate was issued and is valid in accordance with the STCW and the STCW-F Conventions, the period of employment does not exceed 3 months and the owner makes application to the Authority for an endorsement in accordance with Regulation 98 prior to that person joining a ship. Documentary proof of such application having been received by the Authority shall be on board.

(2) For the purposes of section 83(1) of the Act, the owner of a ship to which the STCW and the STCW-F Conventions do not apply shall not employ on the ship, as master or ship's officer, any person who holds a certificate of competency issued by or on behalf of the government of another country, unless the Authority has, under section 83(2) of the Act, authorised that person's employment on the ship.

(3) Application for an authorisation under section 83(2) of the Act shall be made by the owner of the ship and shall be directed to the proper officer nearest to the ship's intended port of departure. The application shall-

- (a) be made before the person assumes duty on the ship; and
  - (b) be accompanied by the person's original certificate or copy thereof (together with a certified translation into English where the certificate is in a language other than English), a medical examination report complying with the requirements specified Part 2A of these Regulations, or report from another party recognised by the Authority and attesting to the person's medical fitness and a valid eyesight test certificate.
  - (c) the Proper Officer may require the person to appear before an Assessor, who shall satisfy himself or herself that the person is adequately qualified and that he or she has the ability to converse, issue and understand orders and written instructions, in the English language.
- (4) An authorisation granted under section 83(2) of the Act shall be in writing and shall specify the period, not exceeding 6 months, for which it is to remain in force.
- (5) The Authority may revoke an authorisation granted under section 83(2) of the Act if-
- (a) the person in question shows, through any inability, that he or she is not adequately qualified or that he or she is not able to converse, issue and understand orders and written instructions in the English language;
  - (b) the person's certificate expires or is cancelled or suspended by or on behalf of the government under whose Authority the certificate was originally issued;
  - (c) the person fails to comply with any condition on which the authorisation was granted;
  - (d) a court of marine enquiry or a disciplinary hearing recommends the revocation of the authorisation; or
  - (e) the person is convicted of an offence in terms of the Act or any other law administered by the Authority.
- (6) For section 74(1)(b) of the Act, the following is recognised certification as a rating:
- (a) for ships to which the STCW and the STCW-F Convention applies, valid appropriate certification issued in accordance with the STCW Convention by or on behalf of another Party to the Convention; and

(b) for other ships, valid appropriate certification that the Authority is satisfied qualifies the holder to serve in the capacity stated in the certification.

#### 97. Recognition of foreign certificates

(1) The holder of a certificate as master, ship's officer, or Radio Operator being a certificate issued in terms of the STCW and the STCW-F Conventions by or on behalf of another party to the Conventions, may apply to the Authority, in accordance with sub regulation (2), for the certificate to be recognised under these Regulations.

(2) An application contemplated in sub regulation (1) above shall be made in the form and manner set out in the Authority's Quality Standards System.

(3) The Authority may issue an endorsement recognising an applicant's certificate, which endorsement shall have effect as an authorisation under section 83(1) of the Act, if it is satisfied that:

(a) the certificate is authentic and valid;

(b) the level of competence and knowledge evidenced by the certificate is not inferior to that required for the equivalent certificate issued under the Act;

(c) the applicant, if applying for an equivalency as master, chief mate, chief engineer officer or second engineer officer, has attained the level of knowledge of the Republic's maritime legislation required for the equivalent certificate issued under the Act; and

(d) prompt notification will be given to the Authority of any significant change in the arrangements for training and certification provided in compliance with the STCW Convention.

(4) Every endorsement issued under sub regulation (3) shall be a separate document and shall state, with reference to these Regulations and the STCW Convention, the capacity in which the holder is entitled to serve.

(5) For the purposes of this Regulation, the Authority shall-

(a) not recognise by endorsement the certificate issued by or under the Authority of another Party to the STCW Convention to a master, officer or radio operator unless the Authority:

(b) has confirmed, through an evaluation of that Party, which may include inspection of facilities and procedures that the requirements of the STCW Convention are fully complied with; and

- (c) has agreed an undertaking with the Party concerned that prompt notification will be given of any significant change in the arrangements for training and certification provided in compliance with the STCW Convention;
- (a) not recognise certificates issued by or under the Authority of a non-Party to the STCW Convention;
- (b) not use as the basis for recognition by the Authority the certificates and endorsements issued under the administration of another Party to the STCW Convention.
- (6) The Authority may cancel an endorsement issued under sub regulation (3) if:
- (a) the holder shows, through any inability, that he or she does not meet the level of competency or knowledge required for the equivalent certificate of competency, or that his or her level of proficiency in the English language does not meet the relevant requirements of the STCW Convention;
- (b) the holder's certificate expires or is cancelled or suspended by or on behalf of the government under whose Authority the certificate was originally issued;
- (c) a court of marine enquiry or a disciplinary hearing recommends the cancellation of the endorsement; or
- (d) The holder is convicted of an offence in terms of the Act or any other law administered by the Authority.
- (7) Where the Authority cancels an endorsement under sub regulation (6), it shall inform the government under whose Authority the certificate was originally issued of the cancellation.

## PART 6 - GENERAL MANNING LEVELS

### **98. Employment of certificated deck officers on ships other than fishing vessels**

- (1) The owner and the master of every ship, other than a fishing vessel or a ship referred to in sub regulation (2), shall ensure that there is employed on the ship in their appropriate capacities the number and description of appropriately certificated deck officers specified in the applicable item of the following table:

Item	Voyage/ Operation	(GT)	Capacity of employment	Appropriate minimum certification and number of persons to be employed	
				Certificate	Number
1	Port Operations	<200	Master	Skipper (port operations)	1
			Mate	Skipper (port operations) (c)	1
2		≥200 but < 500	Master	Master (<1 600 GT port operations)	1
			Mate	Skipper (port operations) (c)	1
3		≥500 but < 1 600	Master	Master (<1 600 GT port operations)	1
			Mate	Skipper (port operations)	1
4		≥1 600	Master	Master (port operations)	1
			Mate	Skipper (port operations)	1
5	Near- coastal	<200	Master	Master (<200 GT near- coastal)	1
			Mate	Coastal skipper ≥9 m (a)	1
6		≥200 but < 500	Master	Master (<500 GT near- coastal)	1
			Mate	Officer in charge of a navigational watch (<500 GT near-coastal) OR Master (<200 GT near- coastal)	1
			Watch- keeping Officer	Coastal skipper ≥9 m (a) (b)	1
7	Unlimited	<200	Master	Master (<200 GT)	1
			Mate	Skipper offshore ≥9 m (a)	1
8		≥200 but < 500	Master	Master (<3 000 GT)	1
			Mate	Chief mate (<3 000 GT)	1
			Watch- keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch	1
9		≥500 but < 3000	Master	Master (<3 000 GT)	1
			Mate	Chief mate (<3 000 GT)	1
			Watch- keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch	1
10		≥3 000	Master	Master	1

Item	Voyage/ Operation	(GT)	Capacity of employment	Appropriate minimum certification and number of persons to be employed	
				Certificate	Number
			Mate	Chief mate	1
			Watch- keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch	2
Notes					
(a) Certificates issued in terms of the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessels Safety) Regulations, 2007 as amended					
(b) Only on voyages of over 36 hours					
(c) Only required where voyages/shifts are over 12 hours					

(2) The owner and the master of every ship of 25 GT or more that:

(a) is engaged in mining operations within waters under South African jurisdiction; and

(b) so operates at anchor for two-thirds or more of the time spent at sea between port calls, shall ensure that there is employed on the ship in their appropriate capacities the number and description of appropriately certificated deck officers specified in the applicable item of the following table-

Item	Gross Tonnage (GT)	Capacity of employment	Appropriate minimum certification and number of persons to be employed	
			Certificate	Number
1	<200	Master	Master (<200 GT near-coastal) (b)	1
		Mate	Coastal skipper $\geq 9$ m (a) (e)	1
2	$\geq 200$ but <500	Master	Master (<500 GT near-coastal) (b)	1
		Mate	Officer in charge of a navigational watch (<500 GT near-coastal) (b)	1
3	$\geq 500$ but <3 000	Master	Master (<3 000 GT) (b)	1
		Mate	Chief mate (<3 000 GT) (b)	1
		Watch-keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch(b)	1
4	$\geq 3 000$	Master	Master (b)	1
		Mate	Chief mate (b)	1

Item	Gross Tonnage (GT)	Capacity of employment	Appropriate minimum certification and number of persons to be employed	
			Certificate	Number
		Watch-keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch(b)	1
(a) Issued in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007				
(b) For vessels engaged in mining operations, certificates could be endorsed with mining endorsement				
(c) Required only on vessels with voyages extending over 12 hours				

### 99. Employment of certificated deck officers on fishing vessels

(1) The owner and the master of every fishing vessel shall ensure that there is employed on the vessel in their appropriate capacities the number and description of appropriately certificated deck officers specified in the applicable item of the following table:

Item	Size/Length of Vessel	Area of operation	Capacity	Appropriate minimum certification	Number
1		≥25 GT but <24 m Limited Waters	Master	Skipper Fishing (<24 m) Limited Waters	1
			Mate	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (<24 m Limited Waters) or Coastal skipper ≥9 m (a)	1
2	25GT and over, but under 24m	≥25 GT but <24 m Unlimited Waters	Master	Skipper Fishing (<24 m) Unlimited Waters	1
			Mate	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (<24 m Limited Waters)	1
			Watch-keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (<24 m Limited Waters) or Skipper Offshore ≥9 m (a)	1
3	24m and over	≥24 m but <30m	Master	Skipper Fishing (≥24 m) Limited Waters	1

Item	Size/Length of Vessel	Area of operation	Capacity	Appropriate minimum certification	Number
4		Limited Waters	Mate	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m Limited Waters)	1
		$\geq 30$ m but less than 45m Limited Waters	Master	Skipper Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m) Limited Waters	1
			Mate	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m Unlimited Waters)	1
			Watch-keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m Unlimited Waters)	1
5		$\geq 45$ m Limited Waters	Master	Skipper Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m) Limited Waters	1
			Mate	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m Unlimited Waters)	1
			Watch-keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m Unlimited Waters)	1
6		$\geq 24$ m but <30m Unlimited Waters	Master	Skipper Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m) Limited Waters	1
			Mate	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m Unlimited Waters)	1
			Watch-keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m Unlimited Waters)	1
7		$\geq 30$ m but <45m Unlimited Waters	Master	Skipper Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m) Unlimited Waters	1
			Mate	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing ( $\geq 24$ m Unlimited Waters)	1



Item	Size/Length of Vessel	Area of operation	Capacity	Appropriate minimum certification	Number
8		≥45m Unlimited Waters	Watch-keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (≥24 m Unlimited Waters)	1
			Master	Skipper Fishing (≥24 m) Unlimited Waters	1
			Mate	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (≥24 m Unlimited Waters)	1
			Watch-keeping Officer	Officer in Charge of a Navigational Watch Fishing (≥24 m Unlimited Waters)	2
(a) Certificate issued in terms of the MS (National Small Vessels Safety) Regulations, 2007					

#### 100. Employment of certificated engineer officers on ships other than fishing vessels

(1) The owner and the master of every ship, other than a fishing vessel, shall ensure that there is employed on the ship in their appropriate capacities the number and description of appropriately certificated engineer officers specified in the applicable item of the following tables:

Item	Voyage/Operation	Registered propulsion power (kW)	Capacity of employment	Appropriate minimum certification and number of persons to be employed	
				Certification	Number
1	Port operations	<750	Chief engineer	Chief engineer Officer (<750 kW Port Operations)	1
2		≥750 but <1 500	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer Officer (<1 500 kW Port Operations)	1
3		≥1 500	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer Officer (port operations)	1
	Second engineer		Engineer Officer (Port Operations)	1	
4	Near Coastal	<350	Chief engineer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (<750kW)	1

Item	Voyage/Operation	Registered propulsion power (kW)	Capacity of employment	Appropriate minimum certification and number of persons to be employed	
				Certification	Number
5		≥350 but <750 and <500 GT	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer Officer (<750 kW)	1
			Second engineer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (<750kW)	1
6		≥350 but <750 and <500 GT	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer Officer (<750 kW)	1
7		≥500 GT	Second engineer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (<750kW)	1
8		≥750 but <3 000	Chief engineer	Chief engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)	1
			Second engineer	Second Engineer Officer (<3000 kW)	1
			Watch-keeping officer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch	1
9		≥3 000	Chief engineer	Chief engineer Officer	1
			Second engineer	Second engineer Officer	1
			Watch-keeping officer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch	1
10	Unlimited	<750	Chief Engineer	Chief Engineer Officer (<750 kW)	1
			Second Engineer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (<750kW)	1
11		≥750 but < 3 000	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)	1
			Second engineer	Second Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW)	1
			Watch-keeping officer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch	1
12		≥3 000	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer Officer	1

Item	Voyage/Operation	Registered propulsion power (kW)	Capacity of employment	Appropriate minimum certification and number of persons to be employed	
				Certification	Number
			Second engineer	Second Engineer Officer	1
			Watch-keeping officer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch	2

### 101. Employment of certificated engineer officers on fishing vessels

(1) The owner and the master of every fishing vessel shall ensure that there is employed on the vessel in their appropriate capacities the number and description of appropriately certificated engineer officers specified in the applicable item of the following table:

Item	Propulsion power (kW)	Capacity of employment	Appropriate minimum certification and number of persons to be employed	
			Certification	Number
1	<350	Chief engineer	Engineer Officer (<750 kW)*	1
2	≥350 but <750	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer (<750 kW)	1
		Second engineer	Engineer Officer (<750 kW)	1
3	≥750 but <2000	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer (<2000 kW Fishing)	1
		Second engineer	Second Engineer (<2000 kW Fishing)	1
		Watchkeeping officer	Engineer Officer (<750 kW)	1
4	≥2000	Chief engineer	Chief Engineer (fishing)	1
		Second engineer	Second Engineer (<2000 kW Fishing)	1
		Watchkeeping officer	Officer in Charge of an Engineering Watch (<750kW)	1

### 102. Employment of certificated radio operators on ships other than fishing vessels

(1) The owner and the master of every ship, other than a fishing vessel, shall ensure that there is employed on the ship the number and description of appropriately certificated radio operators specified in the applicable item of the following table:

Item	Voyage/Operation	Tonnage of ship	Appropriate certification and number of persons to be employed	
			Certification	Number
1	Port Operations	≥25 GT	Short Range Certificate	1
2	Near-Coastal Voyages not more than 40 NM from shore	≥25 but <100 GT	Short Range Certificate	2
3	Near-Coastal Voyages over 40 NM from shore	≥25 GT	Long Range Certificate	2
4	Unlimited Voyages	≥25 GT but <300 GT	Long Range Certificate	2
5	Unlimited Voyages	≥300 GT	GMDSS General Operator's Certificate	2

(2) Provided that:

(a) the person designated to perform functions for at-sea electronic maintenance, for purposes of ensuring availability, should either hold a GMDSS First or Second Class Radio Electronic Certificate as specified by the Radio Regulations, or have equivalent at-sea electronic maintenance qualifications, as may be approved by the Administration.

(b) if a ship is fitted with a different type of radio installation than that specified by the Radio Regulations, there shall be employed on the ship at least one radio operator who is appropriately certificated for the type of radio installation fitted on the ship;

(c) if the radio equipment on the ship is being used for general communications, other than distress, urgency or safety communications, such general communications shall not be conducted by the deck officer on watch.

### 103. Employment of certificated radio operators on fishing vessels

(1) The owner and the master of every fishing vessel shall ensure that there is employed on the ship the number and description of appropriately certificated radio operators specified in the applicable item of the following table:

Item	Voyage/Operation	Tonnage/length of ship	Appropriate certification and number of persons to be employed	
			Certification	Number

1	Limited Waters – Voyages not more than 40 NM from shore	≥25 GT	Short Range Certificate	2
2	Limited Waters	≥25 GT	Long Range Certificate	2
3	Unlimited Waters	≥25 GT <24m	Long Range Certificate	2
4	Unlimited Waters	≥24m	GMDSS General Operator's Certificate	2

(2) Provided that:

(a) if a ship is fitted with a different type of radio installation than that specified by the Radio Regulations, there shall be employed on the ship at least one radio operator who is appropriately certificated for the type of radio installation fitted on the ship;

(b) if the radio equipment on the ship is being used for general communications, other than distress, urgency or safety communications, such general communications shall not be conducted by the deck officer on watch.

#### 104. Employment of certificated ratings on ships other than fishing vessels

(1) The owner and the master of every ship other than a fishing vessel shall ensure that there is employed on the ship in their appropriate capacities the number and description of appropriately certificated ratings specified in the applicable item of the table below:

Item	Type of ship	Voyage/operations	Minimum certification and number to be employed			Efficient Cook
			Ordinary seafarer deck/Able seafarer deck	Ordinary seafarer engine/Able seafarer engine	SCRB/PST (a)	
1	Passenger	Unlimited	Sufficient to man each 4 hour watch in a 12 hour period plus one	Sufficient to man each 4 hour watch in a 12 hour period with a rating	One for every survival craft	<del>1(b)</del>
2		Near-coastal	Sufficient to man each 4 hour watch in a 12 hour period	Sufficient to man each 4 hour watch in a	One for every survival craft	<del>(1) only required if voyage</del>

Item	Type of ship	Voyage/operations	Minimum certification and number to be employed			Efficient Cook
			Ordinary seafarer deck/Able seafarer deck	Ordinary seafarer engine/Able seafarer engine	SCRB/PST (a)	
				12 hour period with a rating		4 — are over 48 hours
3		Port Operations	Sufficient to man each 6 hour watch in a 12 hour period, a minimum of two	Sufficient to man each 6 hour watch in a 12 hour period with a rating	One for every survival craft	
4	Other	Unlimited	≥3 000 GT Sufficient to man each 4 hour watch in a 12 hour period plus one	Sufficient to man each 4 hour watch in a 12 hour period with a rating	-	4
5			≥500 GT but < 3 000 GT Sufficient to man each 4 hour watch in a 12 hour period	Sufficient to man each 4 hour watch in a 12 hour period with a rating	-	4
6			<500 GT Sufficient to man each 6 hour watch in a 12 hour period	Sufficient to man each 6 hour watch in a 12 hour period with a rating	-	4
7			≥25 GT but <100 GT 1 Ordinary seafarer deck	1 Ordinary seafarer engine		-
8		Near-coastal	<500 GT Sufficient to man each 6 hour watch in a 12 hour period	Sufficient to man each 6 hour watch in a 12 hour period with a rating		4

Item	Type of ship	Voyage/operations	Minimum certification and number to be employed			Efficient Cook
			Ordinary seafarer deck/Able seafarer deck	Ordinary seafarer engine/Able seafarer engine	SCRB/PST (a)	
9			≥25 GT but <100 GT 1 Ordinary seafarer deck	1 Ordinary Seafarer engine		
10		Port Operations	<500 GT Sufficient to man each 6 hour watch in a 12 hour period	Able seafarer engine		
11			≥500 GT Sufficient to man each 6 hour watch in a 12 hour period plus one	Able seafarer engine		
<p>(a) PST Certificate only applicable to near-coastal and port operations service for appropriate survival craft.</p> <p>(b) For crew of more than 30, the company shall make provision as appropriate for ensuring that sufficient cooks have been employed</p>						

(2) Provided that:

(a) where a combination of ratings qualified as ordinary seafarers and as able seafarers is employed in the deck department, at least half the combined number of ratings so employed shall be qualified as able seafarers;

(b) where a combination of ratings qualified as ordinary seafarers engine and able seafarer engine is employed in the engine-room department, at least one of the ratings so employed shall be qualified as an able seafarer engine;

(c) on passenger ships the prescribed number of ratings qualified as proficient in survival craft and rescue boats and as proficient in fast rescue boats shall be in addition to the number of ratings qualified as ordinary or able seafarers;

(d) on ships having only life rafts as survival craft there may be employed, instead of the number of ratings qualified as proficient in survival craft and rescue boats, an equal number of ratings qualified as proficient in personal survival techniques only;

(e) owners and masters (bearing in mind that the table above specifies minimum requirements only) shall have regard to the requirements of Regulation 91(4) when determining the appropriate manning;

(f) in respect of a ship engaged solely in port operations, and instead of meeting the requirements specified in the table above, application may be made to the proper officer at the ship's port of operation for the number of certificated ratings to be determined, with the necessary changes, in accordance with Regulation 91(4);

(g) on ships engaged solely in port operations, there may be employed, instead of the number of ratings qualified as able seafarer deck or able seafarer engine, an equal number of ratings holding the qualification as general purpose rating (port operations);

(h) Vessels with propulsion power of less than 350 kW do not require carrying an engine rating under this table. This Regulation does not limit the power of the proper officer under Regulation 91(4) of these Regulations.

(3) Seagoing ships with voyages longer than 48 hours with a crew complement of more than 10 shall carry on board a qualified cook

#### 105. Employment of certificated ratings on fishing vessels

(1) The owner and the master of every fishing vessel shall ensure that there is employed on the vessel in their appropriate capacities the number and description of appropriately certificated ratings specified in the applicable item of the following table:

Item	Size of vessel	Minimum certification and number to be employed		
		Able seafarer deck (fishing)/ Ordinary Seafarer deck (fishing)	SCRB/ PST (a)	Efficient Cook
1	≥25 GT but <24 m (b)	-	-	-
2	≥24 m but <45 m (c)	2	1 (d)	1(e)
3	≥45 m	2	2	1(e)
(a)	As applicable to the survival craft carried onboard.			



Item	Size of vessel	Minimum certification and number to be employed		
		Able seafarer deck (fishing)/ Ordinary Seafarer deck (fishing)	SCRB/ PST (a)	Efficient Cook
(b)	Vessels $\geq 25$ GT	may retain the manning levels that applied to that vessel under the Regulations repealed until 01 July 2021		
(c)	Vessels $\geq 24$ m but $< 30$ m	may retain the manning levels that applied to that vessel under the Regulations repealed until 01 July 2021		
(d)	Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue Boat required for all vessels over 45 m			
(e)	For crew of more than 30 - 1 cook per 30 (or part thereof)			

(2) Provided that where a combination of ratings qualified as ordinary seafarers and as able seafarers is employed in the deck department, at least half the combined number of ratings so employed shall be qualified as able seafarers

## **PART 7 - EMPLOYMENT OF SEAFARERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, SECURITY AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS**

### **106. Employment of qualified personnel on tankers**

(1) The owner and the master of every oil or chemical tanker shall ensure that:

(a) every seafarer assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on the ship shall hold a certificate of proficiency in basic training for oil and chemical cargo training;

(b) the master, chief engineer officer, chief mate, second engineer officer and every other seafarer with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo related operations on board an oil tanker shall hold a certificate of proficiency in advanced training for oil tanker cargo operations; and

(c) the master, chief engineer officer, chief mate, second engineer officer and every other seafarer with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo related operations on board a chemical tanker shall hold a certificate of proficiency in advanced training for chemical tanker cargo operations.

(2) The owner and the master of every gas tanker shall ensure that:

(a) every seafarer assigned specific duties and responsibilities related to cargo or cargo equipment on the ship shall hold a certificate of proficiency in basic training for gas cargo training; and

(b) the master, chief engineer officer, chief mate, second engineer officer and every other seafarer with immediate responsibility for loading, discharging, care in transit, handling of cargo, tank cleaning or other cargo related operations on board a gas tanker shall hold a certificate of proficiency in advanced training for gas tanker cargo operations.

#### **107. Employment of qualified personnel on ships subject to the IGF Code**

(1) The owner and the master of every ship subject to the IGF Code shall ensure that:

(a) every seafarer on-board a ship subject to the IGF Code who is assigned designated safety duties associated with the care, use or emergency response to the fuel on board shall hold a certificate in basic training for service in ships subject to the IGF Code; and

(b) the masters, engineer officers and all personnel with immediate responsibility for the care and use of fuels and fuel systems on ships subject to the IGF Code shall hold a certificate in advanced training for service in ships subject to the IGF Code.

#### **108. Employment of qualified personnel on ships operating in Polar Waters**

(1) The owner and the master of every ship operating in polar waters shall ensure that:

(a) masters, chief mates and officers in charge of a navigational watch on ships operating in polar waters shall hold a certificate in Basic training for ships operating in polar waters, as required by the Polar Code; and

(b) masters and chief mates on ships operating in polar waters, shall hold a certificate in advanced training for ships operating in polar waters,

#### **109. Employment of qualified personnel with security training**

(1) The owner and master of a seagoing ship of 500 GT or more or a passenger ship on international voyages shall ensure that all personnel employed on board the ship have received security awareness training.

(2) The owner or master of a seagoing ship of 500 GT or more or a passenger ship on international voyages shall ensure that all personnel with security duties or responsibilities have received training for persons with designated security duties.

(3) The owner or master of a seagoing ship of 500 GT or more or a passenger ship on international voyages shall ensure that one of the officers is designated as a ship security officer.

#### **110. Employment of qualified personnel on passenger ships**

(1) The owner and the master of every passenger ship shall ensure that the master and every seafarer employed on the ship holds an appropriate certificate required under Regulation 79(4) and (5) of these Regulations. The requirements of this sub regulation apply to passenger ships of Class I, II, IIA, V and VI as designated by the Lifesaving equipment Regulations, 1968.

(2) The owner and the master of every passenger ship shall ensure that the master, officers and crew with responsibility for the passengers for the safety of passenger in an emergency situation shall hold appropriate certificate required by Regulation 76(6) of these Regulations.

(3) The master, and officers and every person assigned immediate responsibility for embarking and disembarking passenger, loading, discharging and securing of cargo, or closing hull operations on passenger ships shall hold appropriate certificate in accordance with Regulation 76(6).

#### **111. Employment of qualified electro-technical officers and ratings**

(1) The owner and the master of every ship proceeding to sea shall:

(a) ensure that they have determined if there's a need to carry on board electro-technical officer and ratings;

(b) if the need for having an electro-technical officer is determined, the electro-technical officer(s) shall be qualified in accordance with Regulation 51 of these Regulations

(c) if the need for having an electro-technical rating is determined, the electro-technical rating(s) shall be qualified in accordance with Regulation 73 of these Regulations

#### **112. Employment of qualified medical personnel**

(1) The owner and the master of every ship on an unlimited voyage that carries 100 or more persons shall ensure that at least one medical doctor, registered with the relevant body in the Republic, is employed on the ship.

(2) The owner and the master of every sea-going ship shall ensure that:

(a) every person designated to take charge of medical care on the ship shall hold a valid medical care certificate issued in accordance with the Training Standards Quality Standard System.

(3) Every person who is designated the duties referred to in sub regulation (2) shall undertake approved refresher training at intervals not exceeding five years.

### **113. Employment of qualified fire-fighting personnel**

(1) The owner and the master of every ship shall ensure that every person designated as a member of a fire-fighting party on the ship holds a valid Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting certificate issued in accordance with the Quality Standard System; and

(2) The owner and the master of every ship to which these Regulations apply shall ensure that every person designated to control fire-fighting operations on the ship holds a valid advanced fire-fighting certificate issued in accordance with the Quality Standard System.

(3) Every person who is designated the duties referred to in sub regulation (1)(a) and (2) shall be required to demonstrate continued professional competence by attending approved refresher training at intervals not exceeding five years.

### **114. Employment of qualified personnel on ships equipped with survival craft or rescue boats**

(1) The owner and master of every ship that is equipped with one or more survival craft or rescue boats shall ensure that there is employed a sufficient number of persons, to take charge of the survival craft or rescue boats, who hold a valid certificate of proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats issued in accordance with the Quality Standard System.

(2) Every person who is designated the duties referred to in sub regulation (1) shall undertake approved refresher training at intervals not exceeding five years.

### **115. Employment of qualified personnel on ships equipped with a fast rescue boat**

(1) The owner and master of every ship that is equipped with one or more fast rescue boats shall ensure that there are employed on the ship at least two persons per boat who hold a valid certificate of proficiency in fast rescue boats issued in accordance with the Quality Standard System.

(2) Every person who is designated the duties referred to in sub regulation (1) shall demonstrate continued professional competence by serving in that capacity for at least 12 months in the previous 5 years or if this criteria is not met, undertake approved training and meet the standards of competence as specified the Quality Standard System for this Certificate.

## PART 8 - SUPPLEMENTAL

### 116. Dispensations and Exemptions

(1) The Authority may issue a dispensation to a specified seafarer to serve on a specified ship for a specified period not exceeding 6 months in a capacity higher than that for which the seafarer hold a Certificate of Competency, provided:

(a) that such dispensations are issued in circumstances of exceptional necessity;

(b) all candidates for a dispensation shall be required to undertake level 3 assessment in order to support a request for such dispensation.

(c) any dispensation granted for a post shall be granted only to a person properly certificated or qualified to fill the rank immediately below.

(d) where certification of the post below is not required, a dispensation may be issued to a person whose qualification and experience are, in the opinion of the Senior Assessor, equivalent to the requirements for the rank to be filled, provided that, if such a person holds no appropriate certificate.

(2) A dispensation to a master or chief engineer officer will not be taken into consideration except in circumstances of *force majeure* and then only for the shortest possible period.

(3) An application for a dispensation shall be made in the form and manner specified by the Authority and shall be accompanied by the letter from the owner demonstrating the existence of exceptional circumstances.

(4) The Authority may, if in its opinion no danger would result to persons, property or the environment, grant an exemption, on such terms (if any) as it may specify, from any of the provisions of these Regulations (as may be specified in the dispensation) for classes of cases or individual cases. In the case where a dispensation is for classes of ships, the Authority shall be published in a government gazette.

(5) An exemption permitting a person to serve in a capacity for which he or she is not certificated:

(a) May be granted only if the person is certificated to serve in the next lower capacity. Provided that if the next lower capacity is an uncertificated capacity, dispensation may be granted only if the person's knowledge and experience, in the opinion of the Authority, are appropriate for the capacity to be filled;

(b) shall not be granted in respect of:

(i) the capacity of master of a passenger ship; or

(ii) the capacities of master or chief engineer of any ship to which the STCW Convention applies, except in the case of *force majeure* and then only for the shortest possible time; and

(iii) shall, in all cases, cease to have effect on the earlier of the following two dates:

(a) the date of expiry (if any) in terms of the dispensation; or

(b) The date on which the period of 6 months after the grant of dispensation expires.

(6) The Authority may alter or cancel any exemption or dispensation granted under this Regulation.

#### **117. Equivalence of certificates and endorsements**

(1) Subject to sub regulation (2), each certificate or endorsement specified in a column of an item in the table below is taken to be equivalent to the certificate or endorsement, as the case may be, specified in the other columns of that item.

(2) If the certificate or endorsement specified in column 3 of an item in the table is subject to additional qualification requirements in terms of these Regulations, documentary evidence of compliance with those requirements, or so much thereof as the Authority requires, is to be produced within the time and in the manner that the Authority directs. The equivalences below indicates the relevant Regulations and amendment Regulations in which the certificate was published, the columns represent:

(a) Column 1 – the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951,

(b) Column 2 – represents:

(i)the Examination Regulations for Certificates of Competency for Deck Officers, 1994, as amended

(ii)the Examination Regulations for Engineer-Officers, 1985, as amended

(iii)the Certificates of Qualification Regulations, 1985, as amended

(c) Column 3 – the Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) Regulations, 1999, as amended;

(d) Column 4 – the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, as amended;

(e) Column 5 – the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013 Amendments Regulations, 2019 to the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training & Certification) Regulations, 2013, as amended

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
1	Master of a foreign-going ship	Deck Officer Class 1	Master	Master	Master
2	-	Deck Officer Class 2 endorsed master (Limited Trade)	Chief Mate endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on unlimited voyages	Chief Mate endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on unlimited voyages	Chief Mate endorsed: - Master of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on unlimited voyages
3	Chief Navigating Officer of a foreign-going ship	Deck Officer Class 2 endorsed master (Short Sea Trade)	Chief Mate endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on near-coastal voyages	Chief Mate endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on near-coastal voyages	Chief Mate endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on near-coastal voyages
4			Master (Coastal) endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on near-coastal voyages	Master (<500 GT near-coastal) endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on near-coastal voyages	Master (<500 GT near-coastal) endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on near-coastal voyages

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
5	-	Deck Officer Class 2	Chief Mate	Chief Mate	Chief Mate
6	-	Deck Officer Class 3 endorsed Master (Limited Trade)	Deck Officer endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on unlimited voyages -Chief Mate of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on unlimited voyages	Chief Mate(<3 000 GT) endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on unlimited voyages	Chief Mate(<3 000 GT) endorsed: -Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on unlimited voyages
7	-	Deck Officer Class 3 endorsed Master (Short Sea Trade)	Deck Officer endorsed: - Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on near-coastal voyages - Chief Mate of a ship of less than 3 000 GT on unlimited voyages	Chief Mate (<3 000 GT) endorsed: - Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on unlimited voyages	Chief Mate (<3 000 GT) endorsed: - Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on unlimited voyages
8	Second Navigating Officer of a foreign-going ship	Deck Officer Class 3	Deck Officer	Deck Officer	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch
9	-	Deck Officer Class 4 endorsed master (Limited Trade)	Deck Officer endorsed: - Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on unlimited voyages	Deck Officer endorsed: - Master (<500 GT)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch endorsed: - Master (<500 GT)
10	Master of a coasting ship of 100 GT or more	Deck Officer Class 4 endorsed master (Short Sea Trade)	Deck Officer endorsed: - Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on near-coastal voyages	Deck Officer endorsed: - Master (<500 GT near-coastal)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch endorsed: - Master (<500 GT near-coastal)
11	-	Deck Officer Class 4 endorsed	Deck Officer endorsed:	Deck Officer endorsed:	Officer in Charge of Navigational



Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
		master (Port Operation)	- Master of a ship of any tonnage operating within a port operations area	- Master (Port Operations)	Watch endorsed: - Master (Port Operations)
12	-	Deck Officer Class 4 endorsed Port Operation Service	Master (Port Operations)	Master (Port Operations)	Master (Port Operations)
13				Master (<1 600 GT Port Operations)	Master (<1 600 GT Port Operations)
14		-	-	Master (<500 GT)	Master (<500 GT)
15		-	-	Mate (<500 GT)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch (<500 GT)
16	-	Deck Officer Class 5 endorsed master (Short Sea Trade)	Mate (Coastal) endorsed: - Master of a ship of less than 500 GT on near-coastal voyages	Master (<500 GT near-coastal)	Master (<500 GT near-coastal)
17	-	Deck Officer Class 5 endorsed master (Port Operation)	Mate (Coastal) endorsed: - Master of a ship of any tonnage operating within a port operations area	Mate (<500 GT near-coastal) endorsed: - Master (Port Operations)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch (<500 GT near-coastal) endorsed: - Master (Port Operations)
18	-	Deck Officer Class 5 endorsed Port Operation Service	Master (Port Operations)	Master (Port Operations)	Master (Port Operations)
19	Navigating Officer of a coasting ship of 100 GT or more	Deck Officer Class 5	Mate (Coastal)	Mate (<500 GT near-coastal)	Officer in Charge of Navigational Watch (<500 GT near-coastal)

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
20	-	Deck Officer Class 6 (Unlimited Trade)	Skipper (Unlimited)	Master (<200 GT)	Master (<200 GT)
21	-	Deck Officer Class 6 (Short Sea Trade)	Skipper (Coastal)	Master (<200 GT near-coastal)	Master (<200 GT near-coastal)
22	-	Deck Officer Class 6 (Restricted Trade)	Skipper (Port Operations)	Skipper (<200 GT Port Operations)	Skipper (<200 GT Port Operations)
23			Fisherman Grade 2 (with High Seas Command Endorsement)	Skipper fishing (≥24 m unlimited Waters)	Skipper fishing (≥24 m Unlimited Waters)
24			Fisherman Grade 3 (with High Seas Command Endorsement)	Skipper fishing (<24 m unlimited Waters) endorsed: - Skipper of a fishing vessel of <30 m on unlimited waters	Skipper fishing (≥24 m Unlimited Waters) endorsed: - Skipper of a fishing vessel of <30 m in unlimited waters
25			Fisherman Grade 4 (Skipper- with High Seas Command Endorsement)	Skipper fishing (<24 m Unlimited)	Skipper fishing (<24 m Unlimited waters)
26	Skipper of a fishing, sealing or shore-based whaling boat of 100 GT or more	Fisherman Grade 2	Fisherman Grade 2	Skipper fishing (≥24 m Limited Waters)	Skipper fishing (≥24 m Limited Waters)
27	Mate of a fishing, sealing or shore-based whaling boat of 100 GT or more	Fisherman Grade 3	Fisherman Grade 3	Skipper fishing (<24 m Limited Waters) endorsed: - Skipper of a fishing vessel of <30 m on limited waters	Skipper fishing (≥24 m Limited waters) endorsed: - Skipper of a fishing vessel of <30 m in limited waters
28			Fisherman Grade 4 (Skipper) (With	Skipper fishing (<24 m	Skipper fishing (<24 m

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
			High seas command endorsement)	Unlimited Waters)	Unlimited Waters)
29	Boatswain of a fishing, sealing or shore-based whaling boat of 100 GT or more	Fisherman Grade (Skipper) 4	Fisherman Grade (Skipper) 4	Skipper (<24 m Limited Waters)	Skipper fishing (<24 m Limited Waters)
30	Skipper of a coasting ship or a fishing, sealing or shore-based whaling boat of less than 100 GT	Fisherman Grade (Skipper) 4	Fisherman Grade (Skipper) 4		
31	Mate of a coasting ship or a fishing, sealing or shore-based whaling boat of less than 100 GT	Fisherman Grade (Watchkeeper) 4	Fisherman Grade (Watchkeeper) 4	Deck Officer fishing (≥24 m)	Deck Officer fishing (<24 m Unlimited Waters)
32	-			Deck Officer fishing (<24 m)	Deck Officer fishing (<24 m Limited Waters)
33					Deck Officer Fishing (≥24m Unlimited Waters)
34					Deck Officer Fishing (≥24m Limited Waters)
35	Chief Engineer Officer of a foreign-going ship	Marine Engineer-Officer Class 1	Chief Engineer Officer (≥3 000 kW)	Chief Engineer Officer	Chief Engineer Officer
36	Second Engineer-Officer of a foreign-going ship	Marine Engineer-Officer Class 2	Second Engineer Officer (≥3 000 kW) endorsed: - Chief Engineer Officer of a ship of less than 3 000 kW	Second Engineer Officer (≥3 000 kW) - Endorsed Chief engineer officer of a ship less than 3 000 kW	Second Engineer Officer  - <i>Endorsed Chief engineer officer of a ship less than 3 000 kW</i>

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
			propulsion power		
37	-	Marine Engineer-Officer Class 3 with Service Endorsement	Second Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW) endorsed: - Chief Engineer Officer of a ship of less than 750 kW propulsion power - Chief Engineer Officer of a ship of any kilowatt propulsion power operating within a port operations area	Second engineer officer (<3 000 kW) - Endorsed chief engineer officer of a ship less than 750 kW propulsion power; - Chief engineer officer of a ship of any kilowatt power operating within a port operations area	Second engineer officer (<3 000 kW) - <i>Endorsed chief engineer officer of a ship less than 750 kW propulsion power;</i> - <i>Chief engineer officer of a ship of any kilowatt power operating within a port operations area</i>
38	-	Marine Engineer Officer Class 3 non STCW endorsed	Marine Engineer Officer Class 3 non STCW endorsed	Chief Engineer Officer (Fishing)	Chief Engineer Officer (Fishing)
39	Chief Engineer-Officer of a coasting ship	Marine Engineer-Officer Class 3	(a) Second Engineer Officer (<3 000 kW) endorsed: - Chief Engineer Officer of a ship of any kilowatt propulsion power operating within a port operations area (b) Chief Engineer Officer (Port Operations)	Second engineer officer (<3 000k W) - Chief engineer officer of a ship of any kilowatt propulsion power operating within a port operations area; - Chief engineer officer (port operations)	Second engineer officer (<3000k W) - <i>Chief engineer officer of a ship of any kilowatt propulsion power operating within a port operations area;</i> - <i>Chief engineer officer (port operations)</i>
40	Second Engineer-	Marine Engineer-Officer Class 4	(a) Engineer Officer endorsed:	Engineer officer endorsed	Engineer Officer

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
	Officer of a coasting ship		- Chief Engineer Officer of a ship of less than 1 500 kW propulsion power operating within a port operations area (b) Second Engineer (Port Operations)	- Chief engineer officer of a ship of less than 1 500 kW propulsion power operating within a port operations area; - Second engineer officer (port operations)	- Chief engineer officer of a ship of less than 1 500 kW propulsion power operating within a port operations area;
41	-	Marine Engineer Officer Class 4 non STCW endorsed	Marine Engineer Officer Class 3 non STCW endorsed	Chief Engineer Officer (Fishing) <3 000 kW propulsion power	Chief Engineer (<2000 kW Fishing)
42		Second Engineer Officer (Port Operations)	Second Engineer Officer (Port Operations)	Chief Engineer Officer <1 500 kW (Port Operations)	Chief Engineer (<1 500 kW (Port Operations)
43		Engineer Officer (Port Operations)	Engineer Officer (Port Operations)	Chief Engineer Officer <750 kW (Port Operations)	Chief Engineer <750 kW (Port Operations)
44	-	Marine Motorman Higher Grade	Marine Motorman Higher Grade Endorsed: - Second Engineer Officer (Fishing) - Chief Engineer Officer <1 500 kW propulsion power operating within a port operations area	Marine Motorman Higher grade	Chief Engineer (<2000 kW Fishing)
45	Marine Engineman	Marine Motorman Grade 1	Marine Motorman Grade 1	Marine Motorman grade 1 Endorsed:	Second Engineer (<2000 kW Fishing)

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
				- Watch-keeping Engineer Officer (Fishing) <3 000 kW propulsion power	- <i>Endorsed chief engineer officer of a ship less than 750 kW propulsion power</i>
46	Assistant Marine Engineman, any brake horsepower	Marine Motorman Grade 2	Marine Motorman Grade 2	Marine Motorman Grade 2	Engineer Officer (<750 kW)  <i>Endorsed to Chief Engineer of a ship of less than 350 kW propulsion</i>
47				Chief Engineer (Fishing)	Chief Engineer (Fishing)
48				Chief Engineer (<3 000 kW Fishing)	Chief Engineer (<2000 kW Fishing)
49				Second Engineer (fishing)	Second Engineer (Fishing)
50	Assistant Marine Engineman, under 150 brake horsepower	Marine Motorman Grade 3	Marine Motorman Grade 3	-	-
51	Maritime Radio communication General Certificate	Maritime Radio communication General Certificate	Maritime Radio communication General Certificate	GMDSS First-class Radio Electronic Certificate	GMDSS First-class Radio Electronic Certificate
52	-	-	-	GMDSS Second-class Radio Electronic Certificate	GMDSS Second-class Radio Electronic Certificate
53	First-class Radio Telegraph Operator's Certificate	First-class Radio Telegraph Operator's Certificate	-	-	-
54	Second-class Radio	Second-class Radio Telegraph	-	-	-

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
	Telegraph Operator's Certificate	Operator's Certificate			
55	Radio Telegraph Operator's Special Certificate	Radio Telegraph Operator's Special Certificate	-	-	-
56	-	GMDSS General Operator's Certificate	GMDSS General Operator's Certificate	GMDSS General Operator's Certificate	GMDSS General Operator's Certificate
57	Radiotelephone Operator's General Certificate	Radiotelephone Operator's General Certificate	-	-	-
58	Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine)	Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine)	Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine)	Long Range Certificate	Long Range Certificate
59	Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine) VHF ONLY	Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine) VHF ONLY	Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine) VHF ONLY	Short Range Certificate	Short Range Certificate
60	Able Seafarer	Efficient Deck Rating	Able Seaman	Able Seafarer Deck	Able Seafarer Deck
61	-	-	Able Seaman (Fishing)	Able Seafarer Deck (Fishing)	Able Seafarer Deck (Fishing)
62			Able seaman (port operations)	Able Seafarer deck (port operations)	Able Seafarer deck (port operations)
63	-	-	Ordinary Seaman	Ordinary Seafarer deck	Rating forming part of a navigational watch
64			Ordinary Seaman (port operations)		Rating forming part of a navigational watch (Port Operations)
65	Lifeboatman	Proficiency in Survival Craft	Proficiency in Survival Craft	Proficiency in Survival Craft	Proficiency in Survival Craft and rescue boats, other

Item	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
					than fast rescue boats
66	-	Efficient Engine-room Rating	Oiler	Able Seafarer Engine	Able Seafarer Engine
67			Wiper	Ordinary seafarer engine	Rating forming part of a watch in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room
68			Oiler (Port Operations)	Able Seafarer Engine (port operations)	Able Seafarer Engine (port operations)
69			Wiper (port operations)	Ordinary seafarer engine	Rating forming part of a watch in a manned engine-room or designated to perform duties in a periodically unmanned engine-room (Port Operations)
70	-	Efficient Cook	Efficient Cook	Efficient Cook	Efficient Cook
71	-	Proficiency in Survival Craft (Local)	Proficiency in Liferafts	Personal survival techniques	-
72	-	Efficient General Purpose Rating	Efficient General Purpose Rating (Port Operations)	General Purpose Rating (Port Operations)	General Purpose Rating (Port Operations)

(3) Where the holder of a certificate of competency issued under the Act before the commencement of these Regulations has served in a certificated capacity for at least 12 months in the preceding five years but is prohibited from continued employment in that capacity owing to the tonnage, propulsion power or area of operation of the ship exceeding the applicable tonnage, propulsion power or area of operation limitation, the Authority may endorse the certificate, or the equivalent certificate in terms of this Regulation, as the case may be, so as to entitle the holder to continued employment in the capacity concerned on



a ship having an appropriately greater tonnage, propulsion power or area of operation.

#### **118. Safe manning document**

- (1) The owner of every ship shall ensure that:
  - (a) a safe manning document is in force in respect of the ship and the manning of the ship;
  - (b) the safe manning document is kept on board the ship at all times; and
  - (c) The manning of the ship is maintained at all times to at least the levels specified in the safe manning document.
- (2) The Safe Manning Document shall be valid:
  - (a) for a period of one year from date of issue;
  - (b) for a ship required to carry a Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate or Passenger Ship Safety Certificate, valid for the period of validity of that certificate;
  - (c) for a document issued in accordance with Regulation 95-
    - (i) shall be valid for a period of five years;
    - (ii) until the vessel changes ownership and operation; or
    - (iii) until cancelled by the Authority.
- (3) The master of every ship shall ensure that the ship does not go to sea unless there is on board and in force in respect of the ship a valid safe manning document and the manning of the ship complies with that document.

#### **119. Carriage of documents**

Without limiting Regulation 91, the owner and the master of every ship shall ensure that there are carried at all times on board the ship all original certificates and other documents issued pursuant to the Act, the STCW Convention or STCW-F Convention, as the case may be, showing the qualification of the master and any member of the crew to perform functions which they are required to perform aboard ship in the course of their designated duties.

**120. Offences, penalties and defences**

- (1) Every owner commits an offence who contravenes Regulation 91(1) or (4), 93(1), 116 or 117.
- (2) Every employer, being an employer who in terms of Regulation 93 has become subject to the duties of the owner under that Regulation, who contravenes Regulation 93 commits an offence.
- (3) Every master commits an offence who contravenes Regulation 93(12), (13), (14), (15), (16) 92(2), (4), (6), 94(2) or (3).
- (4) Every seafarer commits an offence who contravenes Regulation 92, 93(16) or 94(4).
- (5) A person who commits an offence in terms of sub regulation (1), (2) or (3) is liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months.
- (6) A person who commits an offence in terms of sub regulation (4) is liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding twelve months.
- (7) In proceedings for an offence in terms of this Regulation it is a defence to prove that the accused took reasonable precautions and exercised due diligence to avoid committing the offence.
- (8) In proceedings for an offence in terms of this Regulation consisting of a failure to comply with a duty or requirement to do something so far as is reasonably practicable, it shall be for the accused to prove that it was not reasonably practicable to do more than what was in fact done to satisfy the duty or requirement.

**PART 9 - REPEAL OF REGULATIONS AND SAVINGS, TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT****121. Repeal of Regulations**

- (1) The Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, published by Government Notice R511 of 23 July 2013, are hereby repealed

(2) The Merchant Shipping (Eyesight and Medical Examinations) Regulations, 2004, published by Government Notice R GNR.1197 of 2004 of 15 October 2004, are hereby repealed

## 122. Transitional arrangements

(1) Until 1 March 2022, the Authority may continue to issue, recognise and endorse certificates in accordance with the provisions which applied immediately prior to 1 March 2020 in respect of those seafarers who commenced approved seagoing service, an approved education and training programme or an approved training course before 1 July 2013.

(2) Until 1 March 2022, the Authority may continue to revalidate certificates and endorsements in accordance with the provisions which applied immediately prior to 1 March 2020.

(3) Any certificate issued under the Act, before promulgation of these Regulations, shall continue to be valid until the later of the following instances:

(a) for certificates issued under the Examination Regulation for Certificates of Competency for Fisherman, 1993 and Examination Regulations for certificates of competency as Marine Motormen, 1993-

(i) 24 months from the date of these Regulations coming into force;  
or

(ii) five years after the issue of a certificate.

(b) for certificates (except special grade certificates) issued in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, as amended -

(i) a date of expiry which is endorsed to it;

(ii) five years from the date of issue of certificates; or

(iii) 12 months from the date of these Regulations coming into force.

(4) Any restricted Radiotelephone Operators Certificates issued in terms of the Merchant Shipping Act 57 of 1951 may continue to be used for the purpose for which they were issued until replaced by the long and short range certificate.

(5) The medical practitioners approved under the Regulations repealed by Regulation 121(2) shall remain approved for the remainder of the period of their existing approval. Such approval shall be deemed to meet the requirements of Part 5 of these Regulations

(6) The Authority may continue to perform eyesight examinations for 18 months from the date that these Regulations are promulgated into effect.

(7) Masters or owners, as the case may be, shall, within two years after entry into force of these Regulations, ensure that any member of the ships' crew, who have designated safety, or pollution prevention duties, complete 'basic training' in terms of Regulation 2(7).

### **123. Title and commencement**

These Regulations are called the Merchant Shipping (Training, Certification and Manning) Regulations, 2020, and are published for public comments .

## **ANNEX 1**

### **WATCHKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES FOR SHIPS OTHER THAN FISHING VESSELS**

#### **PART 1 – CERTIFICATION**

1 The officer in charge of the navigational or deck watch shall be duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter II or chapter VII appropriate to the duties related to navigational or deck watch-keeping.

2 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall be duly qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter III or chapter VII appropriate to the duties related to engineering watch-keeping.

#### **PART 2 – VOYAGE PLANNING**

##### **General requirements**

3 The intended voyage shall be planned in advance, taking into consideration all pertinent information, and any course laid down shall be checked before the voyage commences.

4 The chief engineer officer shall, in consultation with the master, determine in advance the needs of the intended voyage, taking into consideration the requirements for fuel, water, lubricants, chemicals, expendable and other spare parts, tools, supplies and any other requirements.

##### **Planning prior to each voyage**

5 Prior to each voyage, the master of every ship shall ensure that the intended route from the port of departure to the first port of call is planned using adequate and appropriate charts and other nautical publications necessary for the intended voyage, containing accurate, complete and up-to-date information regarding those navigational limitations and hazards which are of a permanent or predictable nature and which are relevant to the safe navigation of the ship.

##### **Verification and display of planned route**

6 When the route planning is verified, taking into consideration all pertinent information, the planned route shall be clearly displayed on appropriate charts and shall be continuously available to the officer in charge of the watch, who shall verify each course to be followed prior to using it during the voyage.

### **Deviation from planned route**

7 If a decision is made, during a voyage, to change the next port of call of the planned route, or if it is necessary for the ship to deviate substantially from the planned route for other reasons, then an amended route shall be planned prior to deviating substantially from the route originally planned.

### **PART 3 – WATCHKEEPING PRINCIPLES IN GENERAL**

8 Watches shall be carried out based on the following bridge and engine-room resource management principles:

(1) proper arrangements for watch-keeping personnel shall be ensured in accordance with the situations;

(2) any limitation in qualifications or fitness of individuals shall be taken into account when deploying watch-keeping personnel;

(3) understanding of watch-keeping personnel regarding their individual roles, responsibility and team roles shall be established;

(4) the master, chief engineer officer and officer in charge of watch duties shall maintain a proper watch, making the most effective use of the resources available, such as information, installations and equipment and other personnel;

(5) watch-keeping personnel shall understand functions and operation of installations/equipment, and be familiar with handling them;

(6) watch-keeping personnel shall understand information and how to respond to information from each station, installation, and equipment;

(7) information from the stations, installations and equipment shall be appropriately shared by all the watch-keeping personnel;

(8) watch-keeping personnel shall maintain an exchange of appropriate communication in any situation; and

(9) watch-keeping personnel shall notify the master or chief engineer officer or officer in charge of watch duties without any hesitation when in any doubt as to what action to take in the interest of safety.

## **PART 4 – WATCHKEEPING AT SEA**

### **Principles applying to watchkeeping generally**

9 Parties shall direct the attention of companies, masters, chief engineer officers and watchkeeping personnel to the following principles, which shall be observed to ensure that safe watches are maintained at all times.

10 The master of every ship is bound to ensure that watchkeeping arrangements are adequate for maintaining a safe navigational or cargo watch. Under the master's general direction, the officers of the navigational watch are responsible for navigating the ship safely during their periods of duty, when they will be particularly concerned with avoiding collision and stranding.

11 The chief engineer officer of every ship is bound, in consultation with the master, to ensure that watchkeeping arrangements are adequate to maintain a safe engineering watch.

### **Protection of marine environment**

12 The master, officers and ratings shall be aware of the serious effects of operational or accidental pollution of the marine environment and shall take all possible precautions to prevent such pollution, particularly within the framework of relevant international and port Regulations.

### **Part 4-1 – Principles to be observed in keeping a navigational watch**

13 The officer in charge of the navigational watch is the master's representative and is primarily responsible at all times for the safe navigation of the ship and for complying with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended.

### **Lookout**

14 A proper lookout shall be maintained at all times in compliance with rule 5 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended and shall serve the purpose of:

(1) maintaining a continuous state of vigilance by sight and hearing, as well as by all other available means, with regard to any significant change in the operating environment;

(2) fully appraising the situation and the risk of collision, stranding and other dangers to navigation; and

(3) detecting ships or aircraft in distress, shipwrecked persons, wrecks, debris and other hazards to safe navigation.

15 The lookout must be able to give full attention to the keeping of a proper lookout and no other duties shall be undertaken or assigned which could interfere with that task.

16 The duties of the lookout and helmsperson are separate and the helmsperson shall not be considered to be the lookout while steering, except in small ships where an unobstructed all-round view is provided at the steering position and there is no impairment of night vision or other impediment to the keeping of a proper lookout. The officer in charge of the navigational watch may be the sole lookout in daylight provided that, on each such occasion:

(1) the situation has been carefully assessed and it has been established without doubt that it is safe to do so;

(2) full account has been taken of all relevant factors, including, but not limited to:

(a) state of weather;

(b) visibility;

(c) traffic density;

(d) proximity of dangers to navigation; and

(e) the attention necessary when navigating in or near traffic separation schemes; and

(3) assistance is immediately available to be summoned to the bridge when any change in the situation so requires.

17 In determining that the composition of the navigational watch is adequate to ensure that a proper lookout can continuously be maintained, the master shall take into account all relevant factors, including those described in this section of the Regulations, as well as the following factors:

(1) visibility, state of weather and sea;

(2) traffic density, and other activities occurring in the area in which the vessel is navigating;

(3) the attention necessary when navigating in or near traffic separation schemes or other routing measures;

(4) the additional workload caused by the nature of the ship's functions, immediate operating requirements and anticipated manoeuvres;



(5) the fitness for duty of any crew members on call who are assigned as members of the watch;

(6) knowledge of, and confidence in, the professional competence of the ship's officers and crew;

(7) the experience of each officer of the navigational watch, and the familiarity of that officer with the ship's equipment, procedures, and manoeuvring capability;

(8) activities taking place on board the ship at any particular time, including radio-communication activities, and the availability of assistance to be summoned immediately to the bridge when necessary;

(9) the operational status of bridge instrumentation and controls, including alarm systems;

(10) rudder and propeller control and ship manoeuvring characteristics;

(11) the size of the ship and the field of vision available from the conning position;

(12) the configuration of the bridge, to the extent such configuration might inhibit a member of the watch from detecting by sight or hearing any external development; and

(13) any other relevant standard, procedure or guidance relating to watchkeeping arrangements and fitness for duty which has been adopted by the Organization.

### **Watch arrangements**

18 When deciding the composition of the watch on the bridge, which may include appropriately qualified ratings, the following factors, inter alia, shall be taken into account:

(1) at no time shall the bridge be left unattended;

(2) weather conditions, visibility and whether there is daylight or darkness;

(3) proximity of navigational hazards which may make it necessary for the officer in charge of the watch to carry out additional navigational duties;

(4) use and operational condition of navigational aids such as ECDIS, radar or electronic position-indicating devices and any other equipment affecting the safe navigation of the ship;

(5) whether the ship is fitted with automatic steering;

(6) whether there are radio duties to be performed;

(7)unmanned machinery space (UMS) controls, alarms and indicators provided on the bridge, procedures for their use and their limitations; and

(8)any unusual demands on the navigational watch that may arise as a result of special operational circumstances.

### **Taking over the watch**

19 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall not hand over the watch to the relieving officer if there is reason to believe that the latter is not capable of carrying out the watch-keeping duties effectively, in which case the master shall be notified.

20 The relieving officer shall ensure that the members of the relieving watch are fully capable of performing their duties, particularly as regards their adjustment to night vision. Relieving officers shall not take over the watch until their vision is fully adjusted to the light conditions.

21 Prior to taking over the watch, relieving officers shall satisfy themselves as to the ship's estimated or true position and confirm its intended track, course and speed, and UMS controls as appropriate and shall note any dangers to navigation expected to be encountered during their watch.

22 Relieving officers shall personally satisfy themselves regarding the:

- (1) standing orders and other special instructions of the master relating to navigation of the ship;
- (2) position, course, speed and draught of the ship;
- (3) prevailing and predicted tides, currents, weather, visibility and the effect of these factors upon course and speed;
- (4) procedures for the use of main engines to manoeuvre when the main engines are on bridge control; and
- (5) navigational situation, including, but not limited to:
  - (a) the operational condition of all navigational and safety equipment being used or likely to be used during the watch;
  - (b) the errors of gyro- and magnetic compasses;
  - (c) the presence and movement of ships in sight or known to be in the vicinity;
  - (d) the conditions and hazards likely to be encountered during the watch; and

- (e) the possible effects of heel, trim, water density and squat on under-keel clearance.

23 If, at any time, the officer in charge of the navigational watch is to be relieved when a manoeuvre or other action to avoid any hazard is taking place, the relief of that officer shall be deferred until such action has been completed.

#### **Performing the navigational watch**

24 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall:

- (1) keep the watch on the bridge;
- (2) in no circumstances leave the bridge until properly relieved; and
- (3) continue to be responsible for the safe navigation of the ship, despite the presence of the master on the bridge, until informed specifically that the master has assumed that responsibility and this is mutually understood.

25 During the watch, the course steered, position and speed shall be checked at sufficiently frequent intervals, using any available navigational aids necessary, to ensure that the ship follows the planned course.

26 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall have full knowledge of the location and operation of all safety and navigational equipment on board the ship and shall be aware and take account of the operating limitations of such equipment.

27 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall not be assigned or undertake any duties which would interfere with the safe navigation of the ship.

28 When using radar, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall bear in mind the necessity to comply at all times with the provisions on the use of radar contained in the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended in force.

29 In cases of need, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall not hesitate to use the helm, engines and sound signalling apparatus. However, timely notice of intended variations of engine speed shall be given where possible or effective use shall be made of UMS engine controls provided on the bridge in accordance with the applicable procedures.

30 Officers of the navigational watch shall know the handling characteristics of their ship, including its stopping distances, and should appreciate that other ships may have different handling characteristics.

31 A proper record shall be kept during the watch of the movements and activities relating to the navigation of the ship.

32 It is of special importance that at all times the officer in charge of the navigational watch ensures that a proper lookout is maintained. In a ship with a separate chartroom, the officer in charge of the navigational watch may visit the chartroom, when essential, for a short period for the necessary performance of navigational duties, but shall first ensure that it is safe to do so and that proper lookout is maintained.

33 Operational tests of shipboard navigational equipment shall be carried out at sea as frequently as practicable and as circumstances permit, in particular before hazardous conditions affecting navigation are expected. Whenever appropriate, these tests shall be recorded. Such tests shall also be carried out prior to port arrival and departure.

34 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall make regular checks to ensure that:

- (1) the person steering the ship or the automatic pilot is steering the correct course;
- (2) the standard compass error is determined at least once a watch and, when possible, after any major alteration of course; the standard and gyro-compasses are frequently compared and repeaters are synchronized with their master compass;
- (3) the automatic pilot is tested manually at least once a watch;
- (4) the navigation and signal lights and other navigational equipment are functioning properly;
- (5) the radio equipment is functioning properly in accordance with paragraph 86 of this section; and
- (6) the UMS controls, alarms and indicators are functioning properly.

35 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall bear in mind the necessity to comply at all times with the requirements in force of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), 1974 \*. The officer of the navigational watch shall take into account:

- (1) the need to station a person to steer the ship and to put the steering into manual control in good time to allow any potentially hazardous situation to be dealt with in a safe manner; and
- (2) that, with a ship under automatic steering, it is highly dangerous to allow a situation to develop to the point where the officer in charge of the navigational

watch is without assistance and has to break the continuity of the lookout in order to take emergency action.

36 Officers of the navigational watch shall be thoroughly familiar with the use of all electronic navigational aids carried, including their capabilities and limitations, and shall use each of these aids when appropriate and shall bear in mind that the echo-sounder is a valuable navigational aid.

37 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall use the radar whenever restricted visibility is encountered or expected, and at all times in congested waters, having due regard to its limitations.

38 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall ensure that the range scales employed are changed at sufficiently frequent intervals so that echoes are detected as early as possible. It shall be borne in mind that small or poor echoes may escape detection.

39 Whenever radar is in use, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall select an appropriate range scale and observe the display carefully, and shall ensure that plotting or systematic analysis is commenced in ample time.

40 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall notify the master immediately:

- (1) if restricted visibility is encountered or expected;
- (2) if the traffic conditions or the movements of other ships are causing concern;
- (3) if difficulty is experienced in maintaining course;
- (4) on failure to sight land, or a navigation mark or to obtain soundings by the expected time;
- (5) if, unexpectedly, land or a navigation mark is sighted or a change in soundings occurs;
- (6) on breakdown of the engines, propulsion machinery remote control, steering gear or any essential navigational equipment, alarm or indicator;
- (7) if the radio equipment malfunctions;
- (8) in heavy weather, if in any doubt about the possibility of weather damage;
- (9) if the ship meets any hazard to navigation, such as ice or a derelict; and

(10) in any other emergency or if in any doubt.

41 Despite the requirement to notify the master immediately in the foregoing circumstances, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall, in addition, not hesitate to take immediate action for the safety of the ship, where circumstances so require.

42 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall give watchkeeping personnel all appropriate instructions and information which will ensure the keeping of a safe watch, including a proper lookout.

### **Watchkeeping under different conditions and in different areas**

#### **Clear weather**

43 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall take frequent and accurate compass bearings of approaching ships as a means of early detection of risk of collision and shall bear in mind that such risk may sometimes exist even when an appreciable bearing change is evident, particularly when approaching a very large ship or a tow or when approaching a ship at close range. The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall also take early and positive action in compliance with the applicable International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended and subsequently check that such action is having the desired effect.

44 In clear weather, whenever possible, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall carry out radar practice.

#### **Restricted visibility**

45 When restricted visibility is encountered or expected, the first responsibility of the officer in charge of the navigational watch is to comply with the relevant rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972, as amended with particular regard to the sounding of fog signals, proceeding at a safe speed and having the engines ready for immediate manoeuvre. In addition, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall:

- (1) inform the master;
- (2) post a proper lookout;
- (3) exhibit navigation lights; and
- (4) operate and use the radar.

#### **In hours of darkness**

46 The master and the officer in charge of the navigational watch, when arranging lookout duty, shall have due regard to the bridge equipment and navigational aids available for use, their limitations, procedures and safeguards implemented.

#### **Coastal and congested waters**

47 The largest scale chart on board, suitable for the area and corrected with the latest available information, shall be used. Fixes shall be taken at frequent intervals, and shall be carried out by more than one method whenever circumstances allow. When using ECDIS, appropriate usage code (scale) electronic navigational charts shall be used and the ship's position shall be checked by an independent means of position fixing at appropriate intervals.

48 The officer in charge of the navigational watch shall positively identify all relevant navigation marks.

#### **Navigation with pilot on board**

49 Despite the duties and obligations of pilots, their presence on board does not relieve the master or the officer in charge of the navigational watch from their duties and obligations for the safety of the ship. The master and the pilot shall exchange information regarding navigation procedures, local conditions and the ship's characteristics. The master and/or the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall co-operate closely with the pilot and maintain an accurate check on the ship's position and movement.

50 If in any doubt as to the pilot's actions or intentions, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall seek clarification from the pilot and, if doubt still exists, shall notify the master immediately and take whatever action is necessary before the master arrives.

#### **Ship at anchor**

51 If the master considers it necessary, a continuous navigational watch shall be maintained at anchor. While at anchor, the officer in charge of the navigational watch shall:

- (1) determine and plot the ship's position on the appropriate chart as soon as practicable;
- (2) when circumstances permit, check at sufficiently frequent intervals whether the ship is remaining securely at anchor by taking bearings of fixed navigation marks or readily identifiable shore objects;
- (3) ensure that proper lookout is maintained;
- (4) ensure that inspection rounds of the ship are made periodically;

- (5) observe meteorological and tidal conditions and the state of the sea;
- (6) notify the master and undertake all necessary measures if the ship drags anchor;
- (7) ensure that the state of readiness of the main engines and other machinery is in accordance with the master's instructions;
- (8) if visibility deteriorates, notify the master;
- (9) ensure that the ship exhibits the appropriate lights and shapes and that appropriate sound signals are made in accordance with all applicable Regulations; and
- (10) take measures to protect the environment from pollution by the ship and comply with applicable pollution Regulations.

#### **Part 4-2 – Principles to be observed in keeping an engineering watch**

52 The term engineering watch as used in parts 4-2, 5-2 and 5-4 of this section means either a person or a group of personnel comprising the watch or a period of responsibility for an officer during which the physical presence in machinery spaces of that officer may or may not be required.

53 The officer in charge of the engineering watch is the chief engineer officer's representative and is primarily responsible, at all times, for the safe and efficient operation and upkeep of machinery affecting the safety of the ship and is responsible for the inspection, operation and testing, as required, of all machinery and equipment under the responsibility of the engineering watch.

#### **Watch arrangements**

54 The composition of the engineering watch shall, at all times, be adequate to ensure the safe operation of all machinery affecting the operation of the ship, in either automated or manual mode, and be appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions.

55 When deciding the composition of the engineering watch, which may include appropriately qualified ratings, the following criteria, inter alia, shall be taken into account:

- (1) the type of ship and the type and condition of the machinery;
- (2) the adequate supervision, at all times, of machinery affecting the safe operation of the ship;



- (3) any special modes of operation dictated by conditions such as weather, ice, contaminated water, shallow water, emergency conditions, damage containment or pollution abatement;
- (4) the qualifications and experience of the engineering watch;
- (5) the safety of life, ship, cargo and port, and protection of the environment;
- (6) the observance of international, national and local Regulations; and
- (7) maintaining the normal operations of the ship.

### **Taking over the watch**

56 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall not hand over the watch to the relieving officer if there is reason to believe that the latter is obviously not capable of carrying out the watch-keeping duties effectively, in which case the chief engineer officer shall be notified.

57 The relieving officer of the engineering watch shall ensure that the members of the relieving engineering watch are apparently fully capable of performing their duties effectively.

58 Prior to taking over the engineering watch, relieving officers shall satisfy themselves regarding at least the following:

- (1) the standing orders and special instructions of the chief engineer officer relating to the operation of the ship's systems and machinery;
- (2) the nature of all work being performed on machinery and systems, the personnel involved and potential hazards;
- (3) the level and, where applicable, the condition of water or residues in bilges, ballast tanks, slop tanks, reserve tanks, fresh water tanks, sewage tanks and any special requirements for use or disposal of the contents thereof;
- (4) the condition and level of fuel in the reserve tanks, settling tank, day tank and other fuel storage facilities;
- (5) any special requirements relating to sanitary system disposals;
- (6) condition and mode of operation of the various main and auxiliary systems, including the electrical power distribution system;
- (7) where applicable, the condition of monitoring and control console equipment, and which equipment is being operated manually;

(8)where applicable, the condition and mode of operation of automatic boiler controls such as flame safeguard control systems, limit control systems, combustion control systems, fuel-supply control systems and other equipment related to the operation of steam boilers;

(9)any potentially adverse conditions resulting from bad weather, ice, or contaminated or shallow water;

(10)any special modes of operation dictated by equipment failure or adverse ship conditions;

(11)the reports of engine-room ratings relating to their assigned duties;

(12)the availability of fire-fighting appliances; and

(13)the state of completion of the engine-room log.

### **Performing the engineering watch**

59 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that the established watch-keeping arrangements are maintained and that, under direction, engine-room ratings, if forming part of the engineering watch, assist in the safe and efficient operation of the propulsion machinery and auxiliary equipment.

60 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall continue to be responsible for machinery-space operations, despite the presence of the chief engineer officer in the machinery spaces, until specifically informed that the chief engineer officer has assumed that responsibility and this is mutually understood.

61 All members of the engineering watch shall be familiar with their assigned watch-keeping duties. In addition, every member shall, with respect to the ship they are serving in, have knowledge of:

- (1) the use of appropriate internal communication systems;
- (2) the escape routes from machinery spaces;
- (3) the engine-room alarm systems and be able to distinguish between the various alarms, with special reference to the fire-extinguishing media alarm; and
- (4) the number, location and types of fire-fighting equipment and damage-control gear in the machinery spaces, together with their use and the various safety precautions to be observed.

62 Any machinery not functioning properly, expected to malfunction or requiring special service shall be noted along with any action already taken. Plans shall be made for any further action if required.

63 When the machinery spaces are in the manned condition, the officer in charge of the engineering watch shall at all times be readily capable of operating the propulsion equipment in response to needs for changes in direction or speed.

64 When the machinery spaces are in the periodic unmanned condition, the designated duty officer in charge of the engineering watch shall be immediately available and on call to attend the machinery spaces.

65 All bridge orders shall be promptly executed. Changes in direction or speed of the main propulsion units shall be recorded, except where an Administration has determined that the size or characteristics of a particular ship make such recording impracticable. The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that the main propulsion unit controls, when in the manual mode of operation, are continuously attended under stand-by or manoeuvring conditions.

66 Due attention shall be paid to the ongoing maintenance and support of all machinery, including mechanical, electrical, electronic, hydraulic and pneumatic systems, their control apparatus and associated safety equipment, all accommodation service systems equipment and the recording of stores and spare gear usage.

67 The chief engineer officer shall ensure that the officer in charge of the engineering watch is informed of all preventive maintenance, damage control, or repair operations to be performed during the engineering watch. The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall be responsible for the isolation, bypassing and adjustment of all machinery under the responsibility of the engineering watch that is to be worked on, and shall record all work carried out.

68 When the engine-room is put in a stand-by condition, the officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that all machinery and equipment which may be used during manoeuvring is in a state of immediate readiness and that an adequate reserve of power is available for steering gear and other requirements.

69 Officers in charge of an engineering watch shall not be assigned or undertake any duties which would interfere with their supervisory duties in respect of the main propulsion system and ancillary equipment. They shall keep the main propulsion plant and auxiliary systems under constant supervision until properly relieved, and shall periodically inspect the machinery in their charge. They shall also ensure that adequate rounds of the machinery and steering-gear spaces are made for the purpose of observing and reporting equipment malfunctions or breakdowns, performing or directing routine adjustments, required upkeep and any other necessary tasks.

70 Officers in charge of an engineering watch shall direct any other member of the engineering watch to inform them of potentially hazardous conditions which may adversely affect the machinery or jeopardize the safety of life or of the ship.

71 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that the machinery space watch is supervised, and shall arrange for substitute personnel in the event of the incapacity of any engineering watch personnel. The engineering watch shall not leave the machinery spaces unsupervised in a manner that would prevent the manual operation of the engine-room plant or throttles.

72 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall take the action necessary to contain the effects of damage resulting from equipment breakdown, fire, flooding, rupture, collision, stranding, or other cause.

73 Before going off duty, the officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that all events related to the main and auxiliary machinery which have occurred during the engineering watch are suitably recorded.

74 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall cooperate with any engineer in charge of maintenance work during all preventive maintenance, damage control or repairs. This shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- (1) isolating and bypassing machinery to be worked on;
- (2) adjusting the remaining plant to function adequately and safely during the maintenance period;
- (3) recording, in the engine-room log or other suitable document, the equipment worked on and the personnel involved, and which safety steps have been taken and by whom, for the benefit of relieving officers and for record purposes; and
- (4) testing and putting into service, when necessary, the repaired machinery or equipment.

75 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that any engine-room ratings who perform maintenance duties are available to assist in the manual operation of machinery in the event of automatic equipment failure.

76 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall bear in mind that changes in speed, resulting from machinery malfunction, or any loss of steering may imperil the safety of the ship and life at sea. The bridge shall be immediately notified in the event of fire and of any impending action in machinery spaces that may cause reduction in the ship's speed, imminent steering failure, stoppage of the ship's propulsion system or any alteration in the generation of electric power or similar threat to safety. This notification, where possible, shall be accomplished before changes are made, in order

to afford the bridge the maximum available time to take whatever action is possible to avoid a potential marine casualty.

77 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall notify the chief engineer officer without delay:

- (1) when engine damage or a malfunction occurs which may be such as to endanger the safe operation of the ship;
- (2) when any malfunction occurs which, it is believed, may cause damage or breakdown of propulsion machinery, auxiliary machinery or monitoring and governing systems; and
- (3) in any emergency or if in any doubt as to what decision or measures to take.

78 Despite the requirement to notify the chief engineer officer in the foregoing circumstances, the officer in charge of the engineering watch shall not hesitate to take immediate action for the safety of the ship, its machinery and crew where circumstances require.

79 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall give the watch-keeping personnel all appropriate instructions and information which will ensure the keeping of a safe engineering watch. Routine machinery upkeep, performed as incidental tasks as a part of keeping a safe watch, shall be set up as an integral part of the watch routine. Detailed repair maintenance involving repairs to electrical, mechanical, hydraulic, pneumatic or applicable electronic equipment throughout the ship shall be performed with the cognizance of the officer in charge of the engineering watch and chief engineer officer. These repairs shall be recorded.

### **Engineering watchkeeping under different conditions and in different areas**

#### **Restricted visibility**

80 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that permanent air or steam pressure is available for sound signals and that at all times bridge orders relating to changes in speed or direction of operation are immediately implemented and, in addition, that auxiliary machinery used for manoeuvring is readily available.

#### **Coastal and congested waters**

81 The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that all machinery involved with the manoeuvring of the ship can immediately be placed in the manual mode of operation when notified that the ship is in congested waters. The officer in charge of the engineering watch shall also ensure that an adequate reserve of power

is available for steering and other manoeuvring requirements. Emergency steering and other auxiliary equipment shall be ready for immediate operation.

### **Ship at anchor**

82 At an unsheltered anchorage the chief engineer officer shall consult with the master whether or not to maintain the same engineering watch as when under way.

83 When a ship is at anchor in an open roadstead or any other virtually “at-sea” condition, the engineer officer in charge of the engineering watch shall ensure that:

- (1) an efficient engineering watch is kept;
- (2) periodic inspection is made of all operating and stand-by machinery;
- (3) main and auxiliary machinery is maintained in a state of readiness in accordance with orders from the bridge;
- (4) measures are taken to protect the environment from pollution by the ship, and that applicable pollution-prevention Regulations are complied with; and
- (5) all damage-control and fire-fighting systems are in readiness.

## **Part 4-3 – Principles to be observed in keeping a radio watch**

### **General provisions**

84 Administrations shall direct the attention of companies, masters and radio watch-keeping personnel to comply with the following provisions to ensure that an adequate safety radio watch is maintained while a ship is at sea. In complying with this Code, account shall be taken of the Radio Regulations.

### **Watch arrangements**

85 In deciding the arrangements for the radio watch, the master of every seagoing ship shall:

- (1) ensure that the radio watch is maintained in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Radio Regulations and the SOLAS Convention;
- (2) ensure that the primary duties for radio watchkeeping are not adversely affected by attending to radio traffic not relevant to the safe movement of the ship and safety of navigation; and
- (3) take into account the radio equipment fitted on board and its operational status.

### **Performing the radio watch**

86 The radio operator performing radio watchkeeping duties shall:

- (1) ensure that watch is maintained on the frequencies specified in the Radio Regulations and the SOLAS Convention; and
- (2) while on duty, regularly check the operation of the radio equipment and its sources of energy and report to the master any observed failure of this equipment.

87 The requirements of the Radio Regulations and the SOLAS Convention on keeping a radiotelegraph or radio log, as appropriate, shall be complied with.

88 The maintenance of radio records, in compliance with the requirements of the Radio Regulations and the SOLAS Convention, is the responsibility of the radio operator designated as having primary responsibility for radio-communications during distress incidents. The following shall be recorded, together with the times at which they occur:

- (1) a summary of distress, urgency and safety radio-communications;
- (2) important incidents relating to the radio service;
- (3) where appropriate, the position of the ship at least once per day; and
- (4) a summary of the condition of the radio equipment, including its sources of energy.

89 The radio records shall be kept at the distress communications operating position, and shall be made available:

- (1) for inspection by the master; and
- (2) for inspection by any authorized official of the Administration and by any duly authorized officer exercising control under article X of the Convention.

## **PART 5 – WATCHKEEPING IN PORT PRINCIPLES APPLYING TO ALL WATCHKEEPING**

### **General**

90 On any ship safely moored or safely at anchor under normal circumstances in port, the master shall arrange for an appropriate and effective watch to be maintained for the purpose of safety. Special requirements may be necessary for special types of ships' propulsion systems or ancillary equipment and for ships carrying hazardous, dangerous, toxic or highly flammable materials or other special types of cargo.

## Watch arrangements

91 Arrangements for keeping a deck watch when the ship is in port shall at all times be adequate to:

- (1) ensure the safety of life, of the ship, the port and the environment, and the safe operation of all machinery related to cargo operation;
- (2) observe international, national and local rules; and
- .3 maintain order and the normal routine of the ship.

92 The master shall decide the composition and duration of the deck watch depending on the conditions of mooring, type of the ship and character of duties.

93 If the master considers it necessary, a qualified officer shall be in charge of the deck watch.

94 The necessary equipment shall be so arranged as to provide for efficient watch-keeping.

95 The chief engineer officer, in consultation with the master, shall ensure that engineering watch-keeping arrangements are adequate to maintain a safe engineering watch while in port. When deciding the composition of the engineering watch, which may include appropriate engine-room ratings, the following points are among those to be taken into account:

- (1) on all ships of 3,000 kW propulsion power and over there shall always be an officer in charge of the engineering watch;
- (2) on ships of less than 3,000 kW propulsion power there may be, at the master's discretion and in consultation with the chief engineer officer, no officer in charge of the engineering watch; and
- (3) officers, while in charge of an engineering watch, shall not be assigned or undertake any task or duty which would interfere with their supervisory duty in respect of the ship's machinery system.

## Taking over the watch

96 Officers in charge of the deck or engineering watch shall not hand over the watch to their relieving officer if they have any reason to believe that the latter is obviously not capable of carrying out watch-keeping duties effectively, in which case the master or chief engineer shall be notified accordingly. Relieving officers of the deck or engineering watch shall ensure that all members of their watch are apparently fully capable of performing their duties effectively.



97 If, at the moment of handing over the deck or engineering watch, an important operation is being performed, it shall be concluded by the officer being relieved, except when ordered otherwise by the master or chief engineer officer.

#### **Part 5-1 – Taking over the deck watch**

98 Prior to taking over the deck watch, the relieving officer shall be informed by the officer in charge of the deck watch as to the following:

- (1) the depth of the water at the berth, the ship's draught, the level and time of high and low waters; the securing of the moorings, the arrangement of anchors and the scope of the anchor chain, and other mooring features important to the safety of the ship; the state of main engines and their availability for emergency use;
- (2) all work to be performed on board the ship; the nature, amount and disposition of cargo loaded or remaining, and any residue on board after unloading the ship;
- (3) the level of water in bilges and ballast tanks;
- (4) the signals or lights being exhibited or sounded;
- (5) the number of crew members required to be on board and the presence of any other persons on board;
- (6) the state of fire-fighting appliances;
- (7) any special port Regulations;
- (8) the master's standing and special orders;
- (9) the lines of communication available between the ship and shore personnel, including port authorities, in the event of an emergency arising or assistance being required;
- (10) any other circumstances of importance to the safety of the ship, its crew, cargo or protection of the environment from pollution; and
- (11) the procedures for notifying the appropriate Authority of any environmental pollution resulting from ship activities.

99 Relieving officers, before assuming charge of the deck watch, shall verify that:

- (1) the securing of moorings and anchor chain is adequate;
- (2) the appropriate signals or lights are properly exhibited or sounded;

- (3) safety measures and fire-protection Regulations are being maintained;
- (4) they are aware of the nature of any hazardous or dangerous cargo being loaded or discharged and the appropriate action to be taken in the event of any spillage or fire; and
- (5) no external conditions or circumstances imperil the ship and that it does not imperil others.

#### **Part 5-2 – Taking over the engineering watch**

100 Prior to taking over the engineering watch, the relieving officer shall be informed by the officer in charge of the engineering watch as to:

- (1) the standing orders of the day, any special orders relating to the ship operations, maintenance functions, repairs to the ship's machinery or control equipment;
- (2) the nature of all work being performed on machinery and systems on board ship, personnel involved and potential hazards;
- (3) the level and condition, where applicable, of water or residue in bilges, ballast tanks, slop tanks, sewage tanks, reserve tanks and special requirements for the use or disposal of the contents thereof;
- (4) any special requirements relating to sanitary system disposals;
- (5) the condition and state of readiness of portable fire-extinguishing equipment and fixed fire-extinguishing installations and fire-detection systems;
- (6) authorized repair personnel on board engaged in engineering activities, their work locations and repair functions and other authorized persons on board and the required crew;
- (7) any port Regulations pertaining to ship effluents, fire-fighting requirements and ship readiness, particularly during potential bad weather conditions;
- (8) the lines of communication available between the ship and shore personnel, including port authorities, in the event of an emergency arising or assistance being required;
- (9) any other circumstance of importance to the safety of the ship, its crew, cargo or the protection of the environment from pollution; and
- (10) the procedures for notifying the appropriate Authority of environmental pollution resulting from engineering activities.

101 Relieving officers, before assuming charge of the engineering watch, shall satisfy themselves that they are fully informed by the officer being relieved, as outlined above; and:

- (1) be familiar with existing and potential sources of power, heat and lighting and their distribution;
- (2) know the availability and condition of ship's fuel, lubricants and all water supplies; and
- (3) be ready to prepare the ship and its machinery, as far as is possible, for stand-by or emergency conditions as required.

### **Part 5-3 – Performing the deck watch**

102 The officer in charge of the deck watch shall:

- (1) make rounds to inspect the ship at appropriate intervals;
- (2) pay particular attention to:
  - .(a) the condition and securing of the gangway, anchor chain and moorings, especially at the turn of the tide and in berths with a large rise and fall, if necessary, taking measures to ensure that they are in normal working condition;
  - .(b) the draught, under-keel clearance and the general state of the ship, to avoid dangerous listing or trim during cargo handling or ballasting;
  - (c) the weather and sea state;
  - (d) the observance of all Regulations concerning safety and fire protection;
  - (e) the water level in bilges and tanks;
  - (f) all persons on board and their location, especially those in remote or enclosed spaces; and
  - (g) the exhibition and sounding, where appropriate, of lights and signals;
- (3) in bad weather, or on receiving a storm warning, take the necessary measures to protect the ship, persons on board and cargo;
- (4) take every precaution to prevent pollution of the environment by the ship;

- (5) in an emergency threatening the safety of the ship, raise the alarm, inform the master, take all possible measures to prevent any damage to the ship, its cargo and persons on board, and, if necessary, request assistance from the shore authorities or neighbouring ships;
- (6) be aware of the ship's stability condition so that, in the event of fire, the shore fire-fighting Authority may be advised of the approximate quantity of water that can be pumped on board without endangering the ship;
- (7) offer assistance to ships or persons in distress;
- (8) take necessary precautions to prevent accidents or damage when propellers are to be turned; and
- (9) enter, in the appropriate log-book, all important events affecting the ship.

#### **Part 5-4 – Performing the engineering watch**

103 Officers in charge of the engineering watch shall pay particular attention to:

- (1) the observance of all orders, special operating procedures and Regulations concerning hazardous conditions and their prevention in all areas in their charge;
- (2) the instrumentation and control systems, monitoring of all power supplies, components and systems in operation;
- (3) the techniques, methods and procedures necessary to prevent violation of the pollution Regulations of the local authorities; and
- (4) the state of the bilges.

104 Officers in charge of the engineering watch shall:

- (1) in emergencies, raise the alarm when, in their opinion, the situation so demands, and take all possible measures to prevent damage to the ship, persons on board and cargo;
- (2) be aware of the deck officer's needs relating to the equipment required in the loading or unloading of the cargo and the additional requirements of the ballast and other ship stability control systems;
- (3) make frequent rounds of inspection to determine possible equipment malfunction or failure, and take immediate remedial action to ensure the safety of the ship, of cargo operations, of the port and the environment;

- (4) ensure that the necessary precautions are taken, within their area of responsibility, to prevent accidents or damage to the various electrical, electronic, hydraulic, pneumatic and mechanical systems of the ship; and
- (5) ensure that all important events affecting the operation, adjustment or repair of the ship's machinery are satisfactorily recorded.

#### **Part 5-5 – Watch in port on ships carrying hazardous cargo**

##### **General**

105 The master of every ship carrying cargo that is hazardous, whether explosive, flammable, toxic, health-threatening or environment-polluting, shall ensure that safe watch-keeping arrangements are maintained. On ships carrying hazardous cargo in bulk, this will be achieved by the ready availability on board of a duly qualified officer or officers, and ratings where appropriate, even when the ship is safely moored or safely at anchor in port.

106 On ships carrying hazardous cargo other than in bulk, the master shall take full account of the nature, quantity, packing and stowage of the hazardous cargo and of any special conditions on board, afloat and ashore.

#### **Part 5-6 – Cargo watch**

107 Officers with responsibility for the planning and conduct of cargo operations shall ensure that such operations are conducted safely through the control of the specific risks, including when non-ship's personnel are involved."

## ANNEX 2

### WATCHKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES FOR FISHING VESSELS

1 Administrations shall direct the attention of owners and operators of fishing vessels, skippers and watch-keeping personnel to the following principles, which shall be observed to ensure that a safe navigational watch is maintained at all times.

2 The skipper of every fishing vessel shall ensure that watch-keeping arrangements are adequate for maintaining a safe navigational watch. Under the skipper's general direction, the officers of the watch are responsible for navigating the fishing vessel safely during their periods of duty, when they will be particularly concerned with avoiding collision and stranding.

3 The basic principles, including but not limited to the following, shall be taken into account on all fishing vessels. However, a Party may exclude very small fishing vessels operating in limited waters from fully observing the basic principles.

4 En route to or from fishing grounds

(1) Arrangements of the navigational watch

(a) The composition of the watch shall at all times be adequate and appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions, and shall take into account the need for maintaining a proper look-out.

(b) When deciding the composition of the watch the following factors, inter alia, shall be taken into account:

- (i) at no time shall the wheelhouse be left unattended;
- (ii) weather conditions, visibility and whether there is daylight or darkness;
- (iii) proximity of navigational hazards which may make it necessary for the officer in charge of the watch to carry out additional navigational duties;
- (iv) use and operational condition of navigational aids such as radar or electronic position-indicating devices and of any other equipment affecting the safe navigation of the vessel;
- (v) whether the vessel is fitted with automatic steering; and
- (vi) any unusual demands on the navigational watch that may arise as a result of special operational circumstances.

(2) Fitness for duty

The watch system shall be such that the efficiency of watch-keeping personnel is not impaired by fatigue. Duties shall be so organized that the first watch at the commencement of a voyage and the subsequent relieving watches are sufficiently rested and otherwise fit for duty.

(3) Navigation

(a) The intended voyage shall, as far as practicable, be planned in advance taking into consideration all pertinent information, and any course laid down shall be checked before the voyage commences.

(b) During the watch the course steered, position and speed shall be checked at sufficiently frequent intervals, using any available navigational aids necessary, to ensure that the vessel follows the planned course.

(c) The officer in charge of the watch shall have full knowledge of the location and operation of all safety and navigational equipment on board the vessel, and shall be aware and take account of the operating limitations of such equipment.

(d) The officer in charge of a navigational watch shall not be assigned or undertake any duties which would interfere with the safe navigation of the vessel.

(4) Navigational equipment

(a) The officers in charge of the watch shall make the most effective use of all navigational equipment at their disposal;

(b) When using radar the officer in charge of the watch shall bear in mind the necessity to comply at all times with the provisions on the use of radar contained in the applicable Regulations for preventing collisions at sea;and

(c) In cases of need the officer of the watch shall not hesitate to use the helm, engines, and sound and light signalling apparatus.

(5) Navigational duties and responsibilities

(a) The officer in charge of the watch shall:

(i) keep watch in the wheelhouse;

- (ii) in no circumstances leave the wheelhouse until properly relieved;
  - (iii) continue to be responsible for the safe navigation of the vessel despite the presence of the skipper in the wheelhouse until informed specifically that the skipper has assumed that responsibility and this is mutually understood;
  - (iv) notify the skipper when in any doubt as to what action to take in the interest of safety; and
  - (v) not hand over the watch to a relieving officer if there is reason to believe that the latter is not capable of carrying out the watch-keeping duties effectively, in which case the skipper shall be notified.
- (b) On taking over the watch the relieving officer shall confirm and be satisfied as to the vessel's estimated or true position and confirm its intended track, course and speed, and shall note any dangers to navigation expected to be encountered during the watch.
- (c) Whenever practicable a proper record shall be kept of the movements and activities during the watch relating to the navigation of the vessel.
- (6) Look-out
- (a) A proper look-out shall be maintained in compliance with rule 5 of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. It shall serve the purpose of:
- (i) maintaining a continuous state of vigilance by sight and hearing as well as by all other available means, with regard to any significant changes in the operating environment;
  - (ii) fully appraising the situation and the risk of collision, stranding and other dangers to navigation; and
  - (iii) detecting ships or aircraft in distress, shipwrecked persons, wrecks and debris.
- (b) In determining that the composition of the navigational watch is adequate to ensure that a proper look-out can continuously be maintained, the skipper shall take into account all relevant factors, including those described under paragraph 4(1) of this Regulation, as well as the following factors:



- (a) visibility, state of weather and sea;
- (b) traffic density, and other activities occurring in the area in which the vessel is navigating;
- (c) the attention necessary when navigating in or near traffic separation schemes and other routing measures;
- (d) the additional workload caused by the nature of the vessel's functions, immediate operating requirements and anticipated manoeuvres;
- (e) rudder and propeller control and vessel manoeuvring characteristics;
- (f) the fitness for duty of any crew members on call who may be assigned as members of the watch;
- (g) knowledge of and confidence in the professional competence of the vessel's officers and crew;
- (h) the experience of the officer of the navigational watch and the familiarity of that officer with the vessel's equipment, procedures, and manoeuvring capability;
- (i) activities taking place on board the vessel at any particular time, and the availability of assistance to be summoned immediately to the wheelhouse when necessary;
- (j) the operational status of instrumentation in the wheelhouse and controls, including alarm systems;
- (k) the size of the vessel and the field of vision available from the conning position;
- (l) the configuration of the wheelhouse, to the extent such configuration might inhibit a member of the watch from detecting by sight or hearing any external developments; and
- (m) any relevant standards, procedures and guidelines relating to watch-keeping arrangements and fitness for duty which have been adopted by the Organization.

(7) Protection of the marine environment

The skipper and the officer in charge of the watch shall be aware of the serious effects of operational or accidental pollution of the marine environment, and shall take all

possible precautions to prevent such pollution, particularly within the framework of relevant international and port Regulations.

(8) Weather conditions

The officer in charge of the watch shall take relevant measures and notify the skipper when adverse changes in weather could affect the safety of the vessel, including conditions leading to ice accretion.

5 Navigation with pilot embarked

The presence of a pilot on board does not relieve the skipper or officer in charge of the watch from their duties and obligations for the safety of the vessel. The skipper and the pilot shall exchange information regarding navigation procedures, local conditions and the vessel's characteristics. The skipper and the officer in charge of the watch shall co-operate closely with the pilot and maintain an accurate check of the vessel's position and movement.

6 Vessels engaged in fishing or searching for fish

(1) In addition to the principles enumerated in paragraph 4, the following factors shall be considered and properly acted upon by the officer in charge of the watch:

- (a) other vessels engaged in fishing and their gear, own vessel's manoeuvring characteristics, particularly its stopping distance and the diameter of turning circle at sailing speed and with the fishing gear overboard;
- (b) safety of the crew on deck;
- (c) adverse effects on the safety of the vessel and its crew through reduction of stability and freeboard caused by exceptional forces resulting from fishing operations, catch handling and stowage, and unusual sea and weather conditions;
- (d) the proximity of offshore structures, with special regard to the safety zones; and
- (e) wrecks and other underwater obstacles which could be hazardous for fishing gear.

(2) When stowing the catch, attention shall be given to the essential requirements for adequate freeboard, adequate stability and watertight integrity at all times during the voyage to the landing port, taking into consideration consumption of fuel and stores, risk of adverse weather conditions and,

especially in winter, risk of ice accretion on or above exposed decks in areas where ice accretion is likely to occur.

7 Anchor watch

The skipper shall ensure, with a view to the safety of the vessel and the crew, that a proper watch is maintained at all times from the wheelhouse or deck on fishing vessels at anchor.

8 Radio watch-keeping

The skipper shall ensure that an adequate radio watch is maintained while the vessel is at sea, on appropriate frequencies, taking into account the requirements of the Radio Regulations.