



MARITIME CIRCULAR No. 10

To:

Owners/Operators/Managers, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognized Security Organizations (RSO), Secretariat Paris MoU on PSC, Director Med MoU on PSC, Secretariat Tokyo MoU on PSC, Secretariat India MoU on PSC, Secretariat Abuja MoU on PSC, Secretariat Riyadh MoU on PSC, Secretariat Latin America MoU on PSC, Office Chief US Coast Guard, International Association of Classification Societies Ltd, P&I Insurance Companies, All Parties Concern

Subject:

Minimum Safe Manning Requirements

Date:

09th of April 2015

Reference:

Resolution A.1047 (27) Principles of Safe Manning, SOLAS V/13, XI-2, STCW as amended, ILO Maritime Labour Convention ,2006

Purpose

This Maritime Circular declares the requirements of this Administration regarding the Safe Manning of Sierra Leonean Vessels.

Application

This Circular applies to all Sierra Leonean Vessels.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 "*Master*" means the person having command of a ship.
- 1.2 "*Officer*" means a member of the crew, other than the master, designated as such by national law or regulations or, in the absence of such designation, by collective agreement or custom.

- 1.3 "*Deck officer*" means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter II of the Convention.
- 1.4 "*Chief mate*" means the 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.
- 1.5 "*Engineer officer*" means an officer qualified in accordance with the provisions of chapter III of the Convention.
- 1.6 "*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.
- 1.7 "*Second engineer officer*" means the engineer officer next in rank to the chief engineer officer and upon whom the 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.
- 1.8 "*Assistant engineer officer*" means a person under training to become an engineer officer and designated as such by national law or regulations.
- 1.9 "*Radio operator*" means a person holding an appropriate certificate issued or recognized by the Administration under the provisions of the Radio Regulations.
- 1.10 "*Rating*" means a member of the ship's crew other than the master or an officer.
- 1.11 "*Ship security officer*" means the person on board the ship, accountable to the master, designated by the Company as responsible for the security of the ship including implementation and maintenance of the ship security plan and liaison with the Company security officer and port facility security officers.
- 1.12 "*Coastal Trading Area*" definition is divide into two parts. Near Coastal Area in Sierra Leone which is the area within 200 nautical miles from a safe have in Sierra Leone, and Near Coastal Area for other countries which is for vessels engaged in near coastal voyages off the coast of another State. The near Coastal area shall not exceed 200

nautical miles from a safe have in that State or the limits prescribed by the Government of the State off whose coast the vessel is engaged, whichever is lesser.

1.13 “*Restricted Trading Area*” means an International Voyage in accordance with SOLAS 74, Chapter III/3.22 – Short International Voyage which the distance between the port of departure and port of destination shall not exceed 600 nautical miles.

1.14 “*International Voyage*” means unrestricted international voyages.

2. Deck Department

STCW Reg. II/4, II/3, II/2, II/1	<99 GT		100 to 499 GT		500 to 1599 GT		1600 to 2999 GT	
	Restricted	Int'l	Restricted	Int'l	Restricted	Int'l	Restricted	Int'l
Master	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chief Officer	0	1	0	1	1 ⁽¹⁾	1	1 ⁽²⁾	1
Deck Officer	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Watch Keeping Deck Rating	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2
Deck Rating	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
STCW Reg. II/4, II/3, II/2, II/1	3000 to 9999 GT		Over 10000 GT		Over 250 Passenger			
	Restricted	Int'l	Restricted	Int'l	Restricted		Int'l	
Master	1	1	1	1	1		1	
Chief Officer	1	1	1	1	1		1	
Deck Officer	0	1	1	2	1		2	
Watch Keeping Deck Rating	2	3	2	3	3		3	
Deck Rating	1	1	2	2	3		3	

Remarks:

1⁽¹⁾ - For **Coastal** area can be replaced for one (1) Deck Officer.

1⁽²⁾ - For **Coastal** area can be replaced for two (2) Deck Officers.

3. Engine Department

STCW Reg. III/4, III/3, III/2, III/1	<749 KW		750 to 1499 KW		1500 to 2999 KW		3000 to 7449 KW	
	Restricted	Int'l	Restricted	Int'l	Restricted	Int'l	Restricted	Int'l
Chief Engineer	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2nd Engineer	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Engine Officer	1	0	0	1*	0	1*	0	1*
Watch Keeping Eng. Rating	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Engine Rating	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
STCW Reg. III/4, III/3, III/2, III/1	7450 to 11199 KW				Over 11200 KW			
	Restricted		Int'l		Restricted		Int'l	
Chief Engineer	1		1		1		1	
2nd Engineer	1		1		1		1	
Engine Officer	1*		1*		1*		2*	
Watch Keeping Deck Rating	2		3		2		3	
Deck Rating	1		0		1		0	

Remark:

*The Engineer Officer may be dispensed if the vessel is certified for Unmanned Machinery Spaces
On Tankers of 1000 GT and above, an extra Engine Rating is required.

4. General

4.1 Radio Operator:

- 4.1.1 Vessels of less than 300 Gross Tonnage should be manned with at least one Officer with Radiotelephone Restricted Operator Certificate.
- 4.1.2 Vessels over 300 Gross Tonnage within the Range of A1 area should be manned with at least one Officer with Restricted Operator Certificate. Such Vessels within the Range of A1+A2 area should be manned with at least one (1) Officer with General Operator Certificate or one (1) dedicated Radio Officer with General Operator Certificate. Such Vessels within the range of A1+A2+A3 and A4 should be manned with at least two (2)

Officers with General Operator Certificate or one (1) dedicated Radio Officer with General Operator Certificate.

4.2 Ship Security Officer:

All Vessels of 500 Gross Tonnage or greater, operating on International Voyages, should have on board at least one (1) Officer holding the Ship Security Officer Certificate and be assigned for such duties.

4.3 Cook:

Vessels with more than 10 persons on board should be manned with at least one (1) Cook as per ILO Convention MLC/Title 4

4.4 Doctor:

Vessels carrying 100 or more persons and ordinarily engaged on International Voyages of more than three days duration shall carry at least one (1) qualified doctor who is responsible for providing medical care. Vessels which do not carry a medical doctor shall be required to have either at least one (1) Seafarer on board who is in charge of medical care and administering medicine as part of their regular duties or at least one (1) Seafarer on board competent to provide medical first aid as per ILO Convention MLC/Title 4.

4.5 Special Training Certificates:

Masters, Officers and Ratings on board Tankers, Ro-Ro Passenger and Passenger Vessels shall hold Special Training Certificates that varies from type to type.

The above Minimum Safe Manning Requirements will enter into force as of **09th of April 2015**.

Revision

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