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Merchant Shipping Safe Manning, Training and Certification Regulations, 2013

TO ALL REGIONAL MANAGERS, PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, ACCREDITED MARINE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, SHORE BASED RADIO TECHNICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS, SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS, SHIP'S OFFICERS AND AFFECTED PARTIES

Summary

This explanatory marine notice draws attention to the changes in radio certification brought about by the Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Training and Certification) Regulations, 2013, Regulation 103 (GNR511/36688) of 23 July 2013 read with the Merchant Shipping, (Radio Installation) Amendment Regulations, 2013 (GNR457/36623).

1. Changes and additions-

1.1 Arrangement of Regulations-

1.1.1 Part 3, Division 2A – Radiocommunications and radio Operator Certificates

1.1.1.1 40A – GMDSS operators

1.1.1.2 40B – Radio Operators

1.1.2 Part 6 – General Manning Levels

1.1.2.1 Regulation 103 Employment of Certificated Radio Operators

1.2 Annex 1 - WATCHKEEPING PRINCIPALS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHIPS OTHER THAN FISHING VESSELS

1.2.1 Division 4. Principals to be observed in keeping a radio watch

1.3 Annex 2 – WATCHKEEPING PRINCIPALS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FISHING VESSELS

1.3.1 Division 4. Principals to be observed in keeping a radio watch

2. Definitions-

2.1 GMDSS means the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System

2.2 GMDSS radio operator means a person who is qualified in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV of the STCW Convention

2.3 Radio Duties includes, 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 Organization (IMO)

2.4 Radio Operator means a person holding an appropriate certificate issued or recognized by the Authority under the provisions of the Radio Regulations

2.5 Radio Regulations means the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union Convention that is in force (ITU)

3. Regulation 103 Employment of Certificated Radio Operators

3.1 Introduction of the following Certificates

3.1.1 **First- and Second-Class Radio Electronic Certificates** – for conducting at-sea electronic maintenance of GMDSS installations

3.1.2 **Long Range Certificate** replaces the Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (Marine)

3.1.3 **Short Range Certificate** replaces the Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Certificate (VHF ONLY)

3.1.4 **NOTE - GMDSS General Operator's Certificate requirements are unchanged.**

4. Regulation 120 (6) has relevance to the Restricted Radiotelephone Operators certificate.

4.1 Any Restricted Radiotelephone Operators certificate 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. Implementation Methodology.

5.1 Compliance with the amended Merchant Shipping (Radio Installation) Regulations not later than 1 July 2015.

5.2 Until such date, Regulation 16 "Employment of Certificated Radio Operators" as reflected in the "Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning Regulations), 1999" will be accepted.

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