

Regulations of 17 October 1975 No. 2 concerning the scope of work for seamen who serve in a leading post on board

Laid down by the Crown Prince Regent's Decree of 17 October 1975 pursuant to § 38 second paragraph of the Seamen's Act of 30 May 1975 No. 18. Prepared by the Ministry of Trade. Amended 23 December 1988 No. 1081.

§ 1

Shipsmaster's authority on board

The master is the highest authority on board.

§ 2

The chief officer's post and duties

The chief officer supervises the rest of the crew and the ship, its appurtenances and equipment unless provided otherwise in §§ 3, 4 and 5. He shall see that the necessary records are kept of received and delivered goods and supervise the loading, discharge and stowage of goods.

If the chief officer is off duty or he is absent, the senior mate present shall replace him.

It is incumbent upon the mates to assist the master with the navigation and the observations and calculations connected with this.

§ 3

Chief engineer's post and duties

The chief engineer administers and is responsible for the engine-room service. He shall arrange for satisfactory operation, handling and maintenance of the ship's engines and boilers with appurtenant installation and devices as well as the ship's hull within the boiler and engine-room with tanks and tunnels. He supervises the ship's store of fuel and other things which are required for the operation and maintenance of the engines and checks this on reception. He arranges the service conditions for the other engineers as well as the electrician and supervises the engine-room staff and their day-rooms.

If the chief engineer finds defects in the part of the ship, its appurtenances or equipment mentioned above, he shall notify the master without delay.

If the chief engineer is off duty or he is absent, the senior engineer present shall take the decision which cannot be postponed, though only to the extent the chief engineer has not issued orders in advance.

§ 4

The steward's post and duties

The steward shall in particular administer the catering staff's work, supervise provisions, messes, galley and the rooms the master decides. He shall see that the diet, including its preparation and serving, is satisfactory.

§ 5

Radio officer's post and duties

The radio officer shall in particular administer the radio service. He is responsible for the operation, handling and maintenance of the ship's radio installation with appurtenant equipment and spare parts.

If the radio officer finds defects in the radio installation, he shall notify the master without delay.

§ 6

Supplementary provisions

The Directorate for Seamen¹ may prescribe more detailed provisions to supplement these regulations, also as regards the scope of work for seamen who hold a leading post other than those mentioned above, also, if any, a post with combined scope of work.

¹ The Norwegian Maritime Directorate pursuant to regulations of 23 December 1988.

§ 7

Entry into force of the regulations

These regulations enter into force on 1 December 1975.