Regulations of 3 February 1986 No. 243 concerning a Foreign Service mission’s loans to seamen


§ 1
Scope of application

1. In pursuance of these regulations, loans can be claimed by a seaman who is not in possession of sufficient means to maintain himself and who can establish that he is a resident in Norway. The seaman shall be required to furnish the Foreign Service station with any details about his latest employment relationship which might be of significance when considering whether a loan shall be granted.

2. If a seaman has a claim with the shipping company, or if it is the shipping company’s duty to provide the seaman’s maintenance, further transportation or repatriation, the seaman shall be referred to the persons representing the shipping company at the location concerned, if any. The seaman shall only be entitled to a loan if nothing comes out of the inquiry. The Foreign Service official shall assist the seaman in connection with such inquiry as mentioned in the first sentence.

3. A seaman who fulfils the conditions for receiving unemployment benefit at the location concerned, may only be granted a loan for passage home insofar as the benefit also covers such expenses.
§ 2

Purpose of Loan

1. A loan may be granted for a short stay in the port concerned either in anticipation of a new engagement in a shipping company or if, for other reasons, the stay is a matter of compassion for the seaman.
2. A loan may also be granted for passage home or for a journey to such port where the seaman can expect to be engaged in the shipping company.
3. Depending on what the Foreign Service station finds appropriate, a loan may be given in the form of cash, guarantee for stay or travelling tickets. If possible, the tickets shall be made non-negotiable.
4. Loans may be given for other purposes only if permitted by The Norwegian Maritime Directorate.

§ 3

Repayment of Loans

1. A seaman who has been granted a loan by a Foreign Service station, shall immediately sign a loan document drawn up on such form as stipulated by the Norwegian Maritime Directorate.
2. The Norwegian Maritime Directorate can issue an injunction regarding a certain monthly amount to be deducted from the seaman’s wages and the size of the deductible amount. The size of the loan, the debtor’s dependents and other economic conditions shall be taken into consideration when issuing such injunctions.
3. Any deduction already imposed or presently to become imposed for payment of alimony or taxes, shall be given priority over deductions of such loans as dealt with in these regulations.

§ 4

Entry into Force

1. These regulations shall enter into force on 3 March 1986.
2. As from the same time regulations concerning loans to seamen abroad prescribed by Royal Decree of 13 November 153 by virtue of the Seamen’s Act of 17 July 1953 § 77, shall be repealed.