
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training,
Certification and Watchkeeping) Regulations 2015

PART 4

SAFE MANNING AND WATCH KEEPING

Safe manning

Safe manning document

46.—(1) In relation to a ship of 500 GT or more, a company must ensure that—

- (a) a safe manning document issued by the Secretary of State 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 master of a ship to which this regulation applies must ensure that the ship does not proceed to sea unless there is on board a valid safe manning document issued in respect of the ship and the manning of the ship complies with that document.

(3) A company applying for a safe manning document in respect of a United Kingdom ship must submit to the Secretary of State proposals as to the numbers and grade of seafarer it considers must be carried so that the ship is safely manned if it proceeded to sea on an intended voyage.

(4) The Secretary of State may issue guidance to companies on safe manning to assist them in preparing proposals under paragraph (3).

(5) After any approval by the Secretary of State of proposals and the issue of a safe manning document, a company must inform the Secretary of State as soon as there is any change in the circumstances which are pertinent to that document.

(6) Upon receipt of notification by a company under paragraph (5), the Secretary of State may review the document's continuing validity or approve fresh proposals from the company.