



Merchant Shipping Act 1964

1964 CHAPTER 47

Miscellaneous

13 Issue of exemption certificates where Convention country issues corresponding qualified certificates

Where the Minister, under section 13(9) of the Act of 1949, requests the government of a country to which the Convention applies to issue in respect of a ship such certificates as he is authorised to issue under subsection (2) of section 7, 8 or 9 of that Act or under paragraph (a) of section 3(2) of this Act, and that government is willing to issue, in pursuance of that request, a qualified certificate thereunder but is not willing to issue the corresponding exemption certificate, the Minister may issue that exemption certificate in respect of the ship.

14 Information about ship's stability

- (1) The following provisions of this section shall have effect with respect to the information about a ship's stability which is required to be supplied under section 18 of the Act of 1949.
- (2) Except as provided by the following subsection, the information shall, when first supplied, be based on the determination of the ship's stability by means of an inclining test and shall be replaced by fresh information whenever its accuracy is materially affected by alterations made to the ship; and in any such case the Minister may require a fresh inclining test.
- (3) The Minister may—
 - (a) in the case of any ship, allow the information to be based on the determination, by means of an inclining test, of the stability of a sister ship ;
 - (b) in the case of a ship specially designed for the carriage of liquids or ore in bulk, or of any class of such ships, dispense with an inclining test if satisfied from the information available in respect of similar ships that the ship's proportions and arrangements are such as to ensure more than sufficient stability in all probable loading conditions.

15 Modification of s. 29 of Act of 1949

Subsection (1) of section 29 of the Act of 1949 (which exempts certain ships from certain provisions) shall not prevent the application—

- (a) to any ship of three hundred tons gross tonnage or upwards, of so much of the provisions mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subsection as relates to certificates issued under section 9 of that Act or equivalent accepted Safety Convention certificates;
- (b) to any ship to which section 2 of this Act applies and which is registered in the United Kingdom, of so much of the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection as relates to certificates issued under section 3 of this Act; by reason only that she is of less than five hundred tons gross tonnage.

16 Extension of duty to report dangers to navigation

The matters of which information is to be sent by the master of a ship in accordance with rules under section 24 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act 1932 shall include—

- (a) air temperatures below freezing point associated with gale force winds causing severe ice accretion on the superstructure of ships ; and
- (b) winds of force 10 or above on the Beaufort Scale for which no storm warning has been received.