
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels
(Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997**

Part IV

Special responsibility for health and safety and consultation with workers

Duties of the Company and master

19.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Company and master, in co-ordination with the employer, to facilitate the work of any person appointed under regulations 14(1), 15(2) and 17(1) in carrying out their health and safety functions, and in particular to—

- (a) provide for use by them a copy of the Code (where appropriate), and access to any necessary information, documents and similar material including relevant legislation and Merchant Shipping Notices;
- (b) provide them with relevant information about—
 - (i) the risks and measures for protection identified under regulation 7,
 - (ii) factors known, or suspected, by them to affect the health and safety of the workers on board the ship, and
 - (iii) arrangements for fire-fighting, first aid and other emergency procedures;
- (c) ensure that those persons have the necessary resources and means to carry out their functions and duties;
- (d) allow any of those persons such absence from ship duties without loss of pay as may be necessary to enable them to fulfil their functions, or to undertake any necessary training in health and safety matters;
- (e) receive at any reasonable time, representations about health and safety from the safety officer, safety representatives or the safety committee, discuss their representations with them and implement any agreed measures as soon as may be reasonable and practicable.

(2) Where no safety officer is appointed under regulation 15, the Company shall maintain a record of every accident involving death, major or serious injury, and every dangerous occurrence and make it available on request to any worker and any person duly authorised by the Secretary of State.