
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention)
(Minimum Requirements for Seafarers etc.) Regulations 2014**

PART 2

Minimum age

Young persons on night duty

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a seafarer under 18 years of age must not be employed, engaged or work on board a ship at night.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply where—

- (a) the effective training of the seafarer, in accordance with established programmes and schedules, would be impaired by its application; or
- (b) the specific nature of the duty or of a recognised training programme requires that the seafarer performs duties at night and the work to be carried out is specified in Merchant Shipping Notice 1838(M) as not being detrimental to the health and well-being of seafarers under the age of 18.

(3) In this regulation, “night” means a period—

- (a) the duration of which is not less than nine consecutive hours; and
- (b) which starts no later than midnight and ends no earlier than 5 a.m. (local time).

(4) A breach of paragraph (1) is an offence by the shipowner, the master of the ship and the employer of the person under the age of 18.