
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 58

**The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour
Convention) (Hours of Work) Regulations 2018**

General duty of shipowner, master, employer

5.—(1) It is the duty of the persons mentioned in paragraph (2) to ensure that a seafarer in relation to a ship to which this regulation applies is provided with at least the minimum hours of rest.

(2) The persons are—

- (a) the shipowner in relation to the ship;
- (b) the master of the ship; and
- (c) where the seafarer is an employed seafarer, the seafarer's employer.

(3) A muster, drill or training session held pursuant to the Merchant Shipping (Musters, Training and Decision Support Systems) Regulations 1999⁽¹⁾—

- (a) may require the participation of a seafarer during the seafarer's hours of rest, but
- (b) must be conducted in a manner which minimises disturbance of the seafarer's hours of rest and does not induce fatigue.

(4) A seafarer who is on-call on board ship—

- (a) may be required to do call-outs during hours of rest, but
- (b) must be provided with an adequate compensatory rest period for any call-out work done during hours of rest.

(5) Nothing in this regulation restricts the operation of regulation 6 of the Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Employment of Young Persons) Regulations 1998⁽²⁾ (rest periods for young persons).

(6) This regulation is subject to regulation 11.

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1999/2722.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1998/2411; regulation 6 was amended by S.I. 2002/2125.