

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Merchant Shipping (Polar Code) (Safety) Regulations 2021

PART 2

Ship requirements and certification

Certification required to operate in polar waters

18.—(1) Subject to payment of the prescribed fee, a Certifying Authority must issue a Polar Ship Certificate in respect of a United Kingdom ship on being notified by a surveyor that—

- (a) the surveyor has carried out a survey in respect of that ship in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 1.3 of chapter 1 of part 1-A of the Polar Code (certificate and survey); and
- (b) the surveyor is satisfied at the date of the survey that—
 - (i) the ship complies with each requirement of the Polar Code referred to in regulation 12(2) (requirements for ships operating in polar waters) applicable to it; and
 - (ii) the master, chief mate and all officers of the navigational watch hold a certificate of proficiency as required by regulation 13 or 14 (requirements for a certificate of proficiency).

(2) A ship that operates, or intends to operate in, polar waters must be surveyed and certified—

- (a) in the case of a United Kingdom ship, in accordance with paragraph (1);
- (b) in the case of a non-United Kingdom ship flying the flag of a Convention country, in accordance with paragraph 1.3 of chapter 1 of part I-A of the Polar Code and issued with a Polar Ship Certificate; or
- (c) in the case of a non-United Kingdom ship flying the flag of a State which is not a Convention country, in such a way that demonstrates compliance with the requirements of regulation 12(2) and regulations 13 and 14.

(3) The following certificates must be held on board a ship—

- (a) in the case of a United Kingdom ship or a non-United Kingdom ship flying the flag of a Convention country, a valid Polar Ship Certificate;
- (b) in the case of a non-United Kingdom ship flying the flag of a State which is not a Convention country, a certificate that demonstrates compliance with the requirements of regulation 12(2).

(4) A certificate mentioned in paragraph (3)(a) or (b), as the case may be, must be readily available for examination at all times.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 18 in force at 6.1.2022, see [reg. 1\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Merchant Shipping (Polar Code) (Safety) Regulations 2021, Section 18.