



Circular N^o CH 43-7

To: All Shipowners of Swiss Flagged Vessels, Masters, Shipboard Safety Committee, Recognised Organisations and Approved Inspectors

Sub.: Occupational Health and Safety

- Ref.**
- a) Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (hereafter “MLC”), Regulation 4.3**
 - b) International Safety Management Code (ISM)**
 - c) Code of Practice on Accident Prevention on board Ship at Sea and in Port, 1996**
 - d) Federal Law on Navigation under the Swiss Flag (Navigation Act) Art 53 and 84 / Ordinance implementing the Federal Law on Navigation under the Swiss Flag (Navigation Ordinance) Art 16 to 30 and Art 41 to 43**
 - e) Code of Safe Working Practice for Merchant Seafarers (UK MCA)**
 - f) Company SMS**

PURPOSE:

The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 requires specific consideration with respect to occupational health and safety on board ships.

APPLICABILITY:

This Circular applies to all shipowners and operators of Swiss flag commercial ships.

REQUIREMENTS:

The detailed requirements contained in Regulation 4.3, particularly in Standard A4.3 apply for all ships sailing under Swiss Flag. The Ship owner must demonstrate the compliance with this Regulation by submitting, by the end of February of each year, a full report containing:

1. Investigation into occupational accidents, injuries and diseases resulting in loss of life
2. Investigation into occupational accidents, injuries and diseases resulting in hospitalisation, or repatriation of seafarer, or inability for work of more than 6 days with indication as to number of days of inability for work
3. Nomination of a Safety Officer responsible for Occupational Health and Safety on board
4. Organisation on board of Health and Safety meetings, with information on dates of such meetings
5. Steps undertaken for prevention of occupational accidents, injuries and diseases
6. Steps undertaken to avoid exposure to noise and vibration

7. Report on supply of protective equipment
8. Short and long term objectives of the Owner to avoid occupational accidents, injuries and diseases
9. Submission to the Administration of a Statistic regarding points 1 and 2 above
10. The Administration requires information on events under Pt 1 and 2 above at least within one week.

The Annex to this circular gives more details on this subject.

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Annex Occupational Health and Safety Items (Sample)