

# Alternative Medicines and Medical Equipment to be kept on board Hong Kong Seagoing Ships, and Hong Kong Seagoing Ships carrying Dangerous Goods



1. This information promulgates the exemption granted by the Seafarers' Authority under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers)(Medical Stores) Regulation ([Cap.478X](#)) on the provisions of medicines and medical equipment to be kept on board Hong Kong seagoing ships and Hong Kong seagoing ships carrying dangerous goods.

2. Under Section 4 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Medical Stores) Regulation (the Regulation), every Hong Kong seagoing ship, and every Hong Kong seagoing ship carrying chemicals as the whole or part of its cargo in quantities in excess of those defined in Volume 1, Section 18 of the IMDG Code, or the residues from earlier such cargoes, are required to keep on board medicines and medical equipment listed in Schedule 1 (Part 1 Scales IA, IB) and Schedule 1 (Part 1 Scale III, Part 2 Scale III) plus Schedule 2 of the Regulation respectively.

3. Since the supply of certain medicines may not be easily accessible worldwide, the Director of Marine, as the Seafarers' Authority, has pursuant to Section 3(2) of the Regulation granted exemption from the afore-mentioned requirements, subject to the corresponding alternative medicines and medical equipment as stipulated in the [Annexes](#) are carried on board.

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