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Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements, Musters and Training) (Amendment) Regulation 2021

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under sections 107, 112 and 112B of the Merchant Shipping (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 369))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 15 October 2021.

2. Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements, Musters and Training) Regulation amended

The Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements, Musters and Training) Regulation (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AY) is amended as set out in sections 3, 4 and 5.

3. Section 2 amended (interpretation)

Section 2(1)—

Add in alphabetical order

“*Chapter II-1* (《第II-1章》) means Chapter II-1 of the Annex to the Convention, as from time to time revised or amended by any revision or amendment that applies to Hong Kong;”.

4. Section 4B amended (application of 1996 Chapter III: muster list, emergency instructions, emergency training and drills)

(1) Section 4B, heading, after “**III**”—

Add

“and Chapter II-1”.

- (2) Section 4B(5)(a), after “30”—

Add

“(except Regulation 30.3)”.

- (3) Before section 4B(6)—

Add

“(5A) The master of a passenger ship must ensure that—

- (a) the damage control drills mentioned in Regulation 19-1 of Chapter II-1 (***Regulation 19-1***) and Regulation 30.3 of 1996 Chapter III are conducted on the passenger ship in the manner and at the frequency set out in Regulation 19-1; and

- (b) a record of the drills is maintained in accordance with Regulation 19-1.”.

- (4) Section 4B(7), before “commits”—

Add

“or (5A)”.

5. Section 9 amended (reference to life-saving appliances regulation)

Section 9, before “(6)—

Add

“(5A),”.

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Merchant Shipping (Safety) (Life-Saving Appliances and Arrangements, Musters and Training) Regulation (Cap. 369 sub. leg. AY) (*principal Regulation*).

2. The purpose of the Regulation is to implement the latest requirements for conducting damage control drills on passenger ships (*Requirement*) provided for in Regulation 19-1 of Chapter II-1, and Regulation 30.3 of Chapter III, of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, that were adopted by the International Maritime Organization by Resolution MSC.421(98) on 15 June 2017.
3. A new subsection (5A) is added to section 4B of the principal Regulation to require the master of a passenger ship to comply with the Requirement. A master who contravenes that new subsection (5A) commits an offence and is liable to a fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for 6 months.