

MERCHANT SHIPPING (MANNING) REGULATIONS



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MERCHANTS SHIPPING ACT

(2007 No. 27)

Merchant Shipping (Manning) Regulations 2010

[9th March, 2010] Commence-
ment.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Section 82 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 2007 and or all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, IBRAHIM ISA BIO, Minister of Transportation, hereby make the following Rules:

PART I—FOREIGN-GOING SHIPS

1.—(1) A ship to which these Regulations apply which ship exceeds 3,000 000 gross tonnage coming into or going outside Nigeria, shall have on board for service the following deck officers -

Deck Officers
and Rating
Forming Part
of the Watch
in Foreign-
Going
Vessels.

(a) one master;

(b) one chief mate;

(c) two watch-keeping officers; and

(d) three ratings forming part of the navigational watch.

(2) A ship between 500 and 3,000 gross tonnage coming into or going outside Nigeria, shall have on board for service the following deck officers-

(a) one master;

(b) two watch-keeping officers; and

(c) three ratings forming part of the navigational watch.

(3) A ship less than 500 gross tonnage coming into or going outside Nigeria, shall have on board for service the following deck officers-

(a) one master;

(b) one watch-keeping officer; and

(c) two rating forming part of the navigational watch.

2.—(1) A ship which has a propulsion power of not less than 3,000 kilowatts power coming into or going outside Nigeria, shall have on board for service the following engineer officers

Engineer
Officers for
Foreign-
Going
Vessels of
3,000
kilowatts
Propulsion
Power.

(0) one chief engineer;

(h) one second engineer;

(c) two officers in charge of an engineering watch; and

(d) two ratings forming part of the engineering watch.

(2) A ship which has a propulsion power of between 750 and 3,000 kilowatts coming into or going outside Nigeria, shall have on board for service the following engineer officers-

- (0) one chief engineer with at least a certificate of competency fill second engineer on a vessel of 3,000 kilowatts;
- (b) two watch-keeping engineers; and
- (c) two ratings forming part of the engineering watch.

PART II NEAR COASTAL SHIPS

Deck Officers for Near Coastal Voyage Ships of less than 500 Gross Tonnage.

3. A ship to which these Regulations apply which is less than 500 gross tonnage going near coastal voyages shall have on board the following deck officers

- (a) one master;
- (b) two ratings forming part of a navigational watch.

Engineer Officers for Near coastal Voyages on Ships between 750 and 3,000 kilo-watts Propulsion Power.

4. (1) A ship which has a propulsion power of between 750 and 3,000 kilowatts going near coastal voyages, shall have on board the following engineer officers—

- (a) one chief engineer ;
- (b) one second engineer; and
- (c) two ratings forming part of the engineering watch

(2) A ship which has a propulsion power of less than 750 kilowatts going near coastal voyages shall have on board the following engineer officers-

- (a) one engineer; and
- (b) one rating forming part of the engineering watch.

PART III — RADIO OPERATORS, DOCTORS AND COOKS

Radio Operators. Doctors and Cooks.

5. (1) A foreign-going ship shall carry radio operators where the navigating officers do not hold GMDSS Certificate.

(2) A foreign-going ship which proceeds from Nigeria and has more than twelve passengers on board shall carry a qualified medical practitioner as a member of the crew.

(3) A foreign-going ship which is 1,000 gross tonnage or upwards, shall carry a certificated ship's cook.

PART IV MISCELLANEOUS

6. The Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency may, subject to such conditions as it may think fit, exempt from any or all of the requirements of these Regulations, any ship which does not proceed beyond fifteen miles from the shore. Exemption.

7. Any vessel which does not comply with the manning requirements contained in these Regulations shall be liable to detention if the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency has reason to believe that it is unseaworthy by reason or undermanning. Detention of Ships by Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency.

8. The owner, manager or operator of a ship to who does not man the ship in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not less than N250,000. Penalty for Undermanned Vessel.

9. (1) These Regulations shall apply to Nigerian flagships other than Application

(a) a ship not propelled by mechanical means ;

(b) a boat kept solely for pleasure purposes;

(c) a ship exempted under the Act;

(d) a fishing vessel;

(e) a lifeboat belonging to a registered ship.

(2) These Regulations shall also apply to every ship belonging to the Federal or State Government.

3) A ship shall have on board the ship not less than the complement of the crew specified in these Regulations.

10. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Manning) Regulations 2010. Citation.

MADE at Ahuja this 9th day of March, 20 10.

IBRAHIM ISA BIO
Minister of Transportation