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MERCHANT SHIPPING

MASTERS AND SEAMEN

The Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) (Hong Kong) Order 1978

Made - - - -	*24th October* 1978
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Coming into Operation	*1st December* 1978

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of October 1978

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas provision is made by the law of Hong Kong for the grant of certificates of competency as A.B.:

And whereas the Secretary of State has reported to Her Majesty that he is satisfied that the conditions under which such certificates are granted require standards of competency not lower than those required for the grant of a certificate in pursuance of regulations made under section 5 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1948**(a)**:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in Her by section 5(4) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1948 and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) (Hong Kong) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st December 1978.

(2) In this Order "the Act" means the Merchant Shipping Act 1948.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889**(b)** shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. Certificates of competency as A.B. granted in Hong Kong in pursuance of the law applicable there shall have the same effect for the purposes of section 5 of the Act as if they had been granted in pursuance of regulations made under that section.

(a) 1948 c. 44. **(b)** 1889 c. 63.

3. Any of the provisions of the regulations made under section 5 of the Act applying section 104 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(**a**) (which relates to forgery and fraud in relation to certificates of competency) to certificates of competency as A.B. granted under those regulations shall apply in relation to certificates of competency as A.B. granted in Hong Kong.

N. E. Leigh,
Clerk of the Privy Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order provides for the recognition in the United Kingdom of certificates of competency as A.B. granted in Hong Kong.

(**a**) 1894 c. 60.

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