1952 No. 740

The Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) Regulations, 1952

Made - - - - 8*th April*, 1952
Coming into Operation 1*st May*, 1952

The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1948(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1952, and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) Regulations, 1952.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say—

"the Act" means the Merchant Shipping Act, 1948;

"the Act of 1906" means the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906(b);

"the principal Act" means the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894(c);

"certificate of competency" means a certificate of competency as A.B. granted under these Regulations;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Transport;

"month of qualifying service" means a month of qualifying service calculated in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9 of these Regulations;

"the Registrar General" means the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen;

"qualifying service" in relation to any person means service which he is entitled to reckon as qualifying service in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9 of these Regulations.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(d), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2.—(1) For the purposes of subsection (1) of Section 5 of the Act, the prescribed date after which a seaman engaged in any British ship registered in the United Kingdom shall not be rated as an A.B. unless he is the holder of a certificate of competency, shall be the 30th day of April, 1953.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (5) of Section 5 of the Act, the prescribed date after which a superintendent or other officer before whom a seaman is engaged in any British ship registered in the United Kingdom, shall refuse to enter the seaman as A.B. on the agreement with the crew unless the seaman produces a certificate of competency or such other proof that he is the holder of such a certificate as may appear to the superintendent or other officer to be satisfactory, shall be the 30th day of April, 1953.

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 44. (b) 6 Edw. 7. c. 48. (c) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60. (d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(3) For the purpose of subsection (6) of Section 5 of the Act, the prescribed date as from which Section 126 of the principal Act and Section 58 of the Act of 1906 shall cease to have effect in relation to any seamen for the time being engaged in a British ship registered in the United Kingdom, shall be the 1st day of May, 1953.

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of Regulation 4 of these Regulations, a certificate of competency shall not be granted to any person unless—

(*a*) he has attained the age of eighteen years ; and

(*b*) subject to the provisions of this paragraph, he has performed thirty-six months of qualifying service at sea in a deck rating, of which not less than nine months shall have been performed in ships, other than fishing boats, having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more ; and

(*c*) he has passed an examination in the subjects specified in the syllabus set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations ; and

(*d*) he is the holder of a certificate of efficiency as lifeboatman issued by or under the authority of the Minister ; and

(*e*) subject to the provisions of this paragraph, he has, otherwise than for the purpose of receiving instruction therein, taken turns at the wheel in steering a ship (being a ship, other than a fishing boat, having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more) for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than ten hours :

Provided that—

(i) where a person produces from the persons in charge satisfactory certificates in respect of his attendance and training at a course of pre-sea training in any of the training ships or training schools specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations, the period of thirty-six months of qualifying service at sea required by paragraph (*b*) shall be reduced by one month for each period of four weeks attendance and training at any such ship or school not exceeding in the case of any particular ship or school the number of months respectively specified in the said Second Schedule against that ship or school and subject in the case of any person to a maximum reduction of six months ;

(ii) subparagraph (*e*) of this paragraph shall not have effect until the 1st day of May, 1953.

(2) Any person who complies with the conditions referred to in the last preceding paragraph of this Regulation shall be entitled to the grant of a certificate of competency.

4. Notwithstanding that he has not complied with the conditions referred to in paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 of these Regulations, a person who proves by his certificates of discharge or by a certificate of service issued by the Registrar General that he was, on or before the date on which these Regulations came into operation, serving as an A.B., or in an equivalent or superior deck rating, in a ship for which an agreement with the crew was required under Part II of the principal Act, shall be entitled to the grant of a certificate of competency.

5.—(1) Any person who under the preceding provisions of these Regulations is entitled to the grant thereof, may make an application for the grant of a certificate of competency.

(2) Every such application shall be made at a Mercantile Marine Office in such one of the forms set out in the Third Schedule to these Regulations as is applicable to the case and shall embody such particulars and declarations and shall be accompanied by such certificates and other documents as are required by that form.

(3) Every such application duly completed shall be lodged with the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office who shall consider the application and shall—

(*a*) if satisfied that the applicant is entitled to the grant thereof, cause a certificate of competency to be issued to the applicant on payment of the prescribed fee and shall return to the applicant all certificates and other documents which accompanied his form of application ; or

(*b*) if not so satisfied, return the form of application together with all certificates and other documents which accompanied the form and inform the applicant in writing of the grounds on which his application is refused.

(4) A fee of one shilling shall be payable in respect of a certificate of competency issued under this Regulation.

6.—(1) Any person who has complied with the conditions referred to in subparagraphs (*a*), (*b*), (*d*) and (*e*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 of these Regulations shall be entitled to make an application to be examined for the purpose of complying with the condition referred to in subparagraph (*c*) of the said paragraph and for the grant, should he pass the examination, of a certificate of competency.

(2) Every such application shall be made at a Mercantile Marine Office in the form set out in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations and shall embody such particulars and declarations and shall be accompanied by such certificates and other documents as are required by that form.

(3) Every such application duly completed shall be lodged with the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office who shall consider the application and shall—

(*a*) if satisfied that the applicant is eligible to make the application, forward the form of application to an examiner, notify the applicant in due course of the arrangements made for his examination and return to him all certificates and other documents which accompanied his form of application ; or

(*b*) if not so satisfied, return the form of application together with all certificates and other documents which accompanied that form to the applicant and inform the applicant in writing of the grounds on which his application is refused.

(4) On completion of every examination, the examiner shall inform the applicant in writing of the result thereof and shall record the result on his form of application in the manner indicated and return the form to the Superintendent who shall, in the case of an applicant who has passed the examination, cause a certificate of competency to be issued to him on payment of the prescribed fee.

(5) A fee of one shilling shall be payable in respect of a certificate of competency issued under this Regulation.

7.—(1) If a certificate of competency is lost or destroyed, the holder thereof shall forthwith notify the Registrar General who, if satisfied that it has been so lost or destroyed shall, on payment of the prescribed fee (if any), issue

a copy of the certificate of competency (so marked) which shall have the same effect as the certificate of competency originally issued. Provided that in the case of any certificate of competency which has been lost and is subsequently recovered the certificate of competency shall be returned forthwith to the Registrar General.

(2) A fee of one shilling shall be paid for each copy of a certificate of competency issued in replacement of one which has been lost or destroyed otherwise than in consequence of the wreck or loss of a ship or of a fire on board ship.

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, any person who—

(*a*) has attained the age of eighteen years ; and

(*b*) has, otherwise than for the purpose of receiving instruction therein, taken turns at the wheel in steering a ship (being a ship, other than a fishing boat, having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more) for periods amounting in the aggregate to not less than ten hours ; and

(*c*) has performed twelve months of qualifying service at sea in a deck rating of which not less than three months shall have been performed in ships, other than fishing boats, having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more,

shall be entitled to make an application to be examined for the purpose of complying with the condition referred to in subparagraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 of these Regulations:

Provided that subparagraph (*b*) of this paragraph shall not have effect until the 1st day of May, 1953.

(2) Every such application shall be made at a Mercantile Marine Office in the form set out in the Fifth Schedule to these Regulations and shall embody such particulars and declarations and shall be accompanied by such certificates and other documents as are required by that form.

(3) Every such application duly completed shall be lodged with the Superintendent of the Mercantile Marine Office who shall consider the application and shall—

(*a*) if satisfied that the applicant is eligible to make the application forward the form of application to an examiner, notify the applicant in due course of the arrangements made for his examination and return to him all certificates and other documents which accompanied his form of application ; or

(*b*) if not so satisfied, return the form of application together with all certificates and other documents which accompanied that form to the applicant and inform the applicant in writing of the grounds on which his application is refused.

(4) On completion of every examination, the examiner shall inform the applicant in writing of the result thereof and shall record the result on his form of application in the manner indicated and return the form to the Superintendent.

9.—(1) A person shall be entitled to reckon as qualifying service for the purposes of subparagraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 3 and of subparagraph (*c*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 8 of these Regulations, subject to the provisions thereof, all periods of service at sea in a deck rating in ships (being ships having a gross tonnage of 15 tons or more) calculated in accordance with the subsequent provisions of this Regulation.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, every period of such service shall be calculated separately from the date of commencement to the date of termination thereof:

Provided that where any period of service in a ship having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more is followed immediately by a period of service in another such ship or where any period of service in a ship having a gross tonnage of less than 100 tons is followed immediately by a period of service in another such ship, the said periods shall be treated as one continuous period, and for the purposes of this proviso a period of service shall be deemed to follow immediately upon another period of service if the later period commences not later than the day following the termination of the earlier period.

(3) For the purpose of calculating the total number of months of qualifying service in respect of any person—

(*a*) every completed calendar month comprised in a period of service in a ship having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more shall count as one month of qualifying service, and every day by which a period of service exceeds the number of calendar months comprised therein or where the whole period of service is less than a calendar month every day of service shall count as one-thirtieth of a month of qualifying service ; and

(*b*) every completed calendar month comprised in a period of service in a ship having a gross tonnage of less than 100 tons shall count as one half of a month of qualifying service, and every day by which a period of service exceeds the number of calendar months comprised therein or where the whole period of service is less than a calendar month every day of service shall count as one-sixtieth of a month of qualifying service.

10. The provisions of Section 104 of the principal Act (which relates to forgery and other offences relating to certificates of competency of ships' officers granted under that Act) shall apply in relation to certificates of competency granted under these Regulations as they apply in relation to certificates of competency of ships' officers granted under the principal Act.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this eighth day of April, 1952.

(L.S.)

P. Faulkner,
An Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Syllabus for Examination for Rating of Able Seaman

Nautical Knowledge

(1) The meaning of common nautical terms.

(2) The names and functions of various parts of the ship (e.g., decks, compartments, Ballast tanks, strum boxes, etc.).

(3) Knowledge of the compass and ability to report the approximate bearing of an object in terms of points on the bow.

(4) Understanding Helm Orders.

(5) Reading, streaming and hauling in a patent log.

(6) Markings on a hand lead line, taking a cast of the hand lead and correctly reporting the soundings obtained.

(7) The patent sounding machine; how to rig it and take a cast.

(8) Ship cleanliness and personal hygiene.

Practical Work

(To be tested so far as possible by practical demonstrations)

(9) Knots in common use. Hitches, bends, etc., in common use. Whipping a rope's end. Finishing off the end of a heaving line by a wall and crown knot or other simple method. Putting a stopper on a hawser or derrick lift. Putting on a seizing.

(10) Splicing. Manila rope. Eye splice, short splice, long splice and back splice. Wire rope. Eye splice and cut splice. (Demonstration of the cut splice will not be required).

(11) Reeving a boat's fall or luff tackle.

(12) Slinging a stage and rigging a boatswain's chair.

(13) How to steer.

(14) Rigging a derrick. Driving a winch, engaging and disengaging gears and their use. General precautions to be taken before and during operation of a winch whether used for working cargo or for warping.

(15) The use and operation of a windlass in anchor work and in warping. Stowage of chain cable in the chain locker and securing the anchor for sea.

(16) A knowledge of the gear used in cargo work and an understanding of its uses. General maintenance with special reference to the overhauling of gin blocks and guy blocks.

(17) The safe handling of hatch covers; battening down and securing a hatchway.

(18) Use, care and maintenance of life saving appliances.

Boat Work

(19) A candidate will be required to satisfy the examiner that:—

(*a*) he understands and can carry out orders relating to lifeboat launching and operation and the management of a boat under sail;

(*b*) he understands the general principles of boat management in a tideway and in bad weather; and in landing on all kinds of beaches or in a surf; and

(*c*) he is familiar with a lifeboat and its equipment and the starting and running of the engines of a powered boat.

SECOND SCHEDULE

TRAINING SHIPS AND NAUTICAL TRAINING SCHOOLS

	Maximum Period of Remission of Sea Service
1. *Training Ships*	
T.S. Arethusa	6 months
H.M.S. Conway	6 months
T.S. Mercury	6 months
H.M.S. Worcester	6 months

2. *Nautical Training Schools*

Place	Name of School	Maximum Period of Remission of Sea Service
Aberdeen	Robert Gordon's College	6 months
Blyth	Wellesley Nautical School	6 months
Bristol (Portishead) ...	Incorporated National Nautical School ...	6 months
Cardiff	Smith Junior Nautical School	6 months
Cardiff	Cardiff Technical College	6 months
Cardiff	National Sea Training School	3 months
Glasgow	Royal Technical College	6 months
Gordonstoun ...	Gordonstoun School (Nautical Dept.)	6 months
Gravesend	National Sea Training School	3 months
Greenock	Watt Memorial School	6 months
Grimsby	Grimsby Nautical School (Merchant Navy Course)	3 months
Heswall	Heswall Nautical School	6 months
Hull	Kingston-upon-Hull High School for Nautical Training	6 months
Hull	Trinity House Navigation Schools	6 months
Ingham Old Hall, near Norwich.	Prince of Wales Sea Training School	6 months
Leith	Leith Nautical College	6 months
Leith	Leith Nautical College (T.S. Dolphin)	3 months
Lewis...	Aird Public School	6 months
Liverpool	City of Liverpool Technical College	6 months
Liverpool	The Indefatigable & National Sea Training School for Boys...	6 months
London	King Edward VII Nautical College	6 months
London	L.C.C. London Nautical School	6 months
Pangbourne	The Nautical College	6 months
Parkstone	Parkstone Sea Training School	6 months

Place	Name of School	Maximum Period of Remission of Sea Service
Sharpness	National Sea Training School	3 months
Southampton ...	Warfleet Sea Training Centre	6 months
Southampton ...	School of Navigation, University College, Warsash	6 months
South Shields ...	Marine School and Technical College	6 months
South Shields ...	National Sea Training School	3 months

THIRD SCHEDULE

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS A.B. BY A PERSON CLAIMING ENTITLEMENT UNDER REGULATION 3 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.) REGULATIONS, 1952.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1948

N.B.—The applicant must lodge with the Superintendent:—

(i) Certificate of discharge or other evidence proving the sea service claimed in Part E.

(ii) Where any remission is claimed in Part D for pre-sea training, a certificate proving satisfactory attendance and training from the person in charge of the training establishment.

(iii) A Certificate of Efficiency as Lifeboatman.

(iv) Proof of passing the qualifying examination.

(v) Where the application is made on or after 1st May, 1953, one or more certificates showing that apart from instruction the applicant has steered a ship (other than a fishing boat) having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more, for not less than ten hours.

PART A

Name, etc., of Applicant

Surname (in block letters)..... Other names.....

Date and place of birth.....Nationality.....

No. of Discharge Book.....Present Rating.....

Height .....ft.....ins. Colour of Eyes.....Hair.....Complexion.....

Tattoo or other marks (if any).....

PART B

Particulars relating to Applicant's qualifying examination

The qualifying examination was passed on the.....day of.....

19..... at the Port of.....

PART C

Declaration to be made by Applicant

I hereby declare that the particulars given by me in this form are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I hereby apply for the issue of a Certificate of Competency as A.B. through the Mercantile Marine Office at.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

.....
Usual Signature of Applicant

PART D

Particulars of pre-sea training courses for which remission is claimed

N.B.—Pre-sea training counts at the rate of one month for each period of 4 weeks, subject to a maximum of 6 months.

Name of Training Ship or School	Period of Training		Remission claimed	For official use only
	Began	Ended		

PART E

Particulars of service at sea in a deck rating

N.B.—Service shown, when added to the remission, if any, claimed in Part D for pre-sea training must total at least 36 months. Not less than 9 months of the service must be in ships (other than fishing boats) of 100 gross tons or more. Of the remainder, service in ships of under 100 gross tons is counted at half rate, except that service in ships of under 15 gross tons is not accepted.

Ship's Name	Gross Tonnage	Type of Ship (Trading, Fishing, etc.)	Particulars of Voyage			For Official use only
			Rating	Began	Ended	

APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS A.B. BY A PERSON CLAIMING ENTITLEMENT UNDER REGULATION 4 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.) REGULATIONS, 1952.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1948

N.B.—Certificates of discharge or other evidence proving sea service shown in Part B must be lodged with the Superintendent. Service entered in Part B must have been performed as A.B. or in an equivalent or superior deck rating on or before 1st May, 1952, in a ship for which an agreement with the crew was required under Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

PART A

Name, etc., of Applicant

Surname (in block letters).....Other names.....

Date and place of birth..... Nationality.....

No. of Discharge Book..... Present Rating.....

Height .....ft. .....ins. Colour of Eyes..... Hair..... Complexion.....

Tattoo or other marks (if any).....

PART B

Declaration to be made by Applicant

I hereby declare that I served in the rating of.....in the .....a seagoing vessel of .....tons from..... .....19..... to.....19....., and I hereby apply for a Certificate of Competency as A.B. to be issued to me through the Mercantile Marine Office at.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

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Usual Signature of Applicant.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

COMBINED FORM OF APPLICATION FOR PERSONS WHO WISH TO TAKE THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION AND THEREUPON CLAIM ENTITLEMENT TO A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS A.B. UNDER REGULATION 3 OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.) REGULATIONS, 1952.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1948

N.B.—The applicant must lodge with the Superintendent:—

(i) Certificate of discharge or other evidence proving sea service claimed in Part C.

(ii) Where any remission is claimed in Part B for pre-sea training, a certificate proving satisfactory attendance and training from the person in charge of the training establishment.

(iii) A Certificate of Efficiency as Lifeboatman.

(iv) When the application is made on or after 1st May, 1953, one or more certificates showing that apart from instruction, the applicant has steered a ship (other than a fishing boat) having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more, for not less than ten hours.

PART A

Name, etc., of Applicant

Surname (in block letters).....Other names.....

Date and place of birth..... Nationality.....

No. of Discharge Book..... Present Rating.....

Height .....ft. .....ins. Colour of Eyes..... Hair..... Complexion.....

Tattoo or other marks (if any).....

PART B

Particulars of pre-sea training courses for which remission is claimed

N.B.—Pre-sea training counts at the rate of one month for each period of 4 weeks, subject to a maximum of 6 months.

Name of Training Ship or School	Period of Training		Remission claimed	For Official use only
	Began	Ended		

PART C

Particulars of service at sea in a deck rating

N.B.—Service shown, when added to the remission, if any, claimed in Part B for pre-sea training, must total at least 36 months. Not less than 9 months of the service must be in ships (other than fishing boats) of 100 gross tons or more. Of the remainder, service in ships of under 100 gross tons is counted at half rate, except that service in ships of under 15 gross tons is not accepted.

Ship's Name (1)	Gross Tonnage (2)	Type of Ship (Trading, Fishing, etc.) (3)	Particulars of Voyage			For Official use only (7)
			Rating (4)	Began (5)	Ended (6)	

PART D

Declaration to be made by Applicant

I hereby declare that the particulars given by me in this form are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I hereby apply to be examined for, and if successful, to be issued with a Certificate of Competency as A.B.

I wish to take the examination at the port of....., and if successful, to be issued with the certificate through the Mercantile Marine Office at.....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

.....

Usual Signature of Applicant.

PART E

To be completed by the Examiner

I have examined this candidate in the syllabus prescribed under the Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) Regulations, 1952, and he has $\frac{\text{passed}^*}{\text{failed}}$ in the examination.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

.....
Signature of Examiner.

Port of.....

* Delete word not applicable.

FIFTH SCHEDULE

APPLICATION BY A PERSON DESIROUS OF TAKING THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY AS A.B.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT, 1948

N.B.—The applicant must lodge with the Superintendent:—

(i) Certificate of discharge or other evidence proving the sea service claimed in Part B.

(ii) Where the application is made on or after 1st May, 1953, one or more certificates showing that apart from instruction, the applicant has steered a ship (other than a fishing boat) having a gross tonnage of 100 tons or more, for not less than ten hours.

PART A

Name, etc., of Applicant

Surname (in block letters).....Other names.....

Date and place of birth..... Nationality.....

No. of Discharge Book..... Present Rating.....

Height .....ft. .....ins. Colour of Eyes..... Hair..... Complexion.....

Tattoo or other marks (if any).....

PART B

Particulars of service at sea in a deck rating

N.B.—Service shown must total not less than 12 months, of which not less than three months must be in ships (other than fishing boats) of 100 gross tons or more. Service in ships of under 100 gross tons is counted at half rate, except that service in ships of under 15 gross tons is not accepted.

Ship's Name	Gross Tonnage	Type of Ship (Trading, Fishing, etc.)	Particulars of Voyage			For Official use only
			Rating	Began	Ended	

PART C

Declaration to be made by Applicant

I hereby declare that the particulars given by me in this form are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply to take the qualifying examination for a Certificate of Competency as A.B. at the port of .....

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

.....
Usual Signature of Applicant.

PART D

To be completed by the Examiner

I have examined the candidate in the syllabus prescribed under the Merchant Shipping (Certificates of Competency as A.B.) Regulations, 1952, and he has $\frac{\text{passed*}}{\text{failed}}$ in the examination.

Dated this.....day of.....19.....

.....
Signature of Examiner.

Port of.....

* Delete word not applicable.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations—

1. Provide for the grant of certificates of competency as A.B. and lay down the standards of qualification for the grant of such certificates.
2. Prescribe the date after which a seaman engaged in a British ship registered in the United Kingdom shall not, unless he is the holder of such a certificate, be rated as an A.B. or be entered in the agreement with the crew as an A.B. by a Superintendent of a Mercantile Marine Office, and the date from which the provisions of Section 126 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and of Section 58 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906 (which relate to the rating of seamen) shall cease to apply to seamen for the time being engaged in such ships.

1952 No. 989

The Distressed Seamen (Amendment) Regulations, 1952

Made - - - -	13*th May*, 1952
Coming into Operation	1*st July*, 1952

The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under section 40 and 48 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1906(a), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of July, 1952, provided that they shall not apply to the passage and maintenance of any distressed seamen carried in pursuance of a Conveyance Order dated before that date.

(a) 6 Edw. 7. c. 48.