The Merchant Shipping (Musters) (No. 2) Rules, 1948

1948 No. 1012

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under Section 427 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and Section 5 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932, and of all other powers him enabling hereby makes the following Rules:— 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60. 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 9

1.—(1) These Rules shall come into operation on the 20th day of May, 1948, and may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Musters) (No. 2) Rules, 1948.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Rules as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

2. These Rules shall apply to ships in respect of which a certificate issued by the competent authority under Regulation 47BB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945, as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947, is in force. 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10. 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55.

3.—(1) In every ship to which these Rules apply arrangements shall be made for holding drills for exercising the crew in the practical use of life-saving appliances of the ship and in the procedure for abandoning ship in an emergency.

(2) A drill in accordance with this Rule shall be held at intervals of not more than one week.

(3) One such drill shall be held before the ship leaves her port of departure or before reaching the open sea on proceeding from such port, except in the case where the Master is reasonably satisfied that the whole crew has received by means of previous drills held in that ship, proper training in the use of the life-saving appliances and the procedure for abandoning ship.

(4) The Master shall enter or cause to be entered in the official log book a statement, or if there is no official log book cause a record to be kept, of every occasion on which a drill in accordance with this Rule is held on board the ship.

(5) The Master of every ship to which these Rules apply shall cause a list to be prepared and kept up to date specifying the duties to be performed by each member of the crew in the event of an emergency and shall take all steps necessary to ensure that every member of the crew is aware of the special duties allotted to him in that list.

(6) Copies of the list required by the foregoing provisions of this Rule shall, before the ship proceeds to sea, be posted in the crew's quarters and in other conspicuous places about the ship and shall be kept so posted while the ship is at sea.

(7) The Master of every ship to which these Rules apply in which passengers are carried shall make arrangements by which all passengers shall, immediately on coming on board, be instructed by members of the crew in the procedure to be observed in the event of an emergency.

(8) Assembly stations for all passengers shall be appointed for the event of an emergency and the position of those stations and the meaning of all signals affecting passengers shall be clearly stated in English and

such other languages as the Master may consider necessary on cards posted in their cabins and other passenger quarters.

(9) The emergency signal for summoning passengers to the assembly station shall be a succession of more than six short blasts followed by one long blast on the whistle or siren.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this sixth day of May, 1948.

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Alfred Barnes,
The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Rules replace the Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) Emergency Rules, 1942, in so far as those Rules made provision for the keeping of muster lists and for the holding of musters and drills on board ships which carry passengers by virtue only of a certificate issued by the competent authority under Regulation 47BB of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939.

(5) SAFETY CONVENTION

Order in Council declaring that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has acceded to the Safety Convention

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At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 24th day of February, 1948

Present,

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas by Section 37 of the Merchant Shipping (Safety and Load Line Conventions) Act, 1932(a), it is enacted that His Majesty, if satisfied that the Government of any country has acceded to the Safety Convention, may, by Order in Council, make a declaration to that effect:

And Whereas His Majesty is satisfied that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has acceded to the Safety Convention:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, in pursuance of the powers vested in Him by the aforesaid Section and of all other powers enabling Him in that behalf, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, is pleased to declare, and doth hereby declare that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines has acceded to the Safety Convention.

E. C. E. Leadbitter.

(a) 22 & 23 Geo. 5. c. 9.

* 27th February, 1948.