

Order no. 102 of 16 February 1998 issued by the Danish Maritime Authority

Order on the health service in ships¹

In pursuance of section 55(4) of the seamen's act (*sømandsloven*), cf. consolidated act no. 766 of 19 September 1995, as amended by act no. 14 of 13 January 1997, and by authority laid down in order no. 694 of 17 August 1995, the following provisions are laid down:

Section 1. The master shall be obliged to arrange a health service and inspect the sanitary conditions on board in accordance with the guidelines and regulations laid down in the medical book issued by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Section 2. The master shall be obliged to take the measures necessary to prevent occupational injuries, poisonings and diseases or their spreading on board.

Subsection 2. Furthermore, the following shall be observed:

- 1) Perishable food shall be stored in cold stores or other rooms where a sufficiently low temperature is held.
- 2) When the ship is close to shore in tropical regions, the best possible ventilation of accommodation spaces, engine spaces, the galley and stores rooms shall be ensured.

Section 3. If the number of persons on board is greater than 100, ships engaged on international voyages of more than three days' duration shall have a doctor on board who is responsible for providing medical assistance to the crew. If the number of persons on board is greater than 500, at least one nurse shall also be employed.

Subsection 2. "International voyages" shall mean voyages between Danish and foreign ports or between two foreign ports as well as voyages between Denmark and the Faroe Islands or Greenland and voyages between the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

Subsection 3. Only persons who have been authorised as doctors and who have been permitted to function independently as doctors, cf. section 2(1) and (4) of the act on the performance of the medical profession (*lov om udøvelse af lægegerning*), may be hired as ship's doctors.

Subsection 4. In addition to treating every disease incidents on board, the doctor shall be obliged to assist the master when he carries out the duties imposed on him pursuant to section 1 just as he shall assist the master when he inspects compliance with the provisions of section 2.

Section 4. In ships on which a doctor has been hired, he shall keep the medical record.

Subsection 2. In the medical record, the doctor shall record information about serious cases of illness, about births and deaths, about accidents that have caused or may presumably cause permanent consequences, about the doctor's examination of the sanitary conditions and the health condition on board as well as about any other conditions that may be of importance to the health conditions on board.

Subsection 3. If the doctor has given medical advice to other ships, he shall make a remark about this in the medical record with more detailed information.

Section 5. This order shall enter into force on 1 April 1998.

¹ This order contains provisions implementing article 2, paragraph 4, of Council Directive no. 92/29/EEC, Official Journal 1992, L 113, p. 19.

Subsection 2. At the same time, order no. 610 of 29 November 1973 on the health service on board ships shall be repealed.

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