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In exercise of the power conferred by section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Order, 2002, the Minister of Communications, with the approval of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan, hereby makes the following Regulations —

Citation and commencement.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) (Amendment) Regulations, 2004 and shall be deemed to commence on 1st. August, 2002.

Amendment of First Schedule to S 54/02.

2. The First Schedule to the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) Regulations, 2002 is amended —

(a) in Annex 2 —

(i) by repealing paragraph 15 and by substituting the following new paragraph therefor —

"Eyesight.

15. (1) A person shall not be accepted for training or sea service if irremediable morbid condition of either eye, or the lids of either eye, is present and liable to the risk of aggravation or recurrence.

(2) New cases of monocular vision are unacceptable for any category of seafaring. Monocular-serving seafarers and those who become monocular in service in the engine and catering departments and meet the required standards may be allowed to continue at sea in those departments.

(3) Distant vision or colour vision, or both, may be taken with or without visual aids (spectacles or contact lenses). Tinted lenses shall not be permitted. Any need to wear visual aids to meet the required standards shall be recorded on each certificate and endorsement issued.

(4) Distant vision tests comprise a letter test and are to be conducted on Snellen's principle at a virtual distance of 6 metres from the eye.

(5) Colour vision tests shall be conducted using Ishihara plates and colour vision may be regarded as normal, when using the Ishihara method, if plates 1, 11, 15, 22 and 23 are read correctly. Candidates who fail the Ishihara colour plate test may apply for further testing using a lantern test or equivalent diagnostic test. The report shall be returned to the examining doctor who will decide whether it is appropriate to fail the candidate or issue a full or restricted certificate.

(6) In all cases where visual aids are required for the efficient performance of duties, a spare must be carried when seafaring. When different visual aids are used for distant and near vision, a spare pair of each must be carried.";

- (ii) by deleting sub-paragraph (1)(b) of paragraph 16 and by substituting the following new sub-paragraph therefor —

"(b) Before the commencement of the test, the candidate shall advise the examiner whether or not he intends to use visual aids.";

- (iii) by deleting sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 16 and by substituting the following new sub-paragraph therefor —

"Standard of vision required.

(2) (a) Candidates must meet the standards specified in Table 2 of Annex 3 and those who need to use visual aids must reach the necessary standards for both unaided and aided.

(b) Unaided vision should be tested first and each eye must be tested separately.";

- (iv) in sub-paragraph (4)(b) of paragraph 16, by deleting "is not a new entrant and" from the first line;

- (v) in sub-paragraph (2)(a) of paragraph 17, by deleting ", other than a new entrant," from the first line;

(b) in Annex 3 —

- (i) by repealing Table 2 and by substituting the following new Table therefor —

"TABLE 2

paragraph 16(2) of Annex 2

MINIMUM PRE-SEA AND IN-SERVICE EYESIGHT STANDARDS

Category of seafarer	Basic Visual Acuity Standard (unaided)		Higher Visual Acuity Standard (aided if necessary)		Near/Intermediate Vision and Colour Vision (both eyes together, aided or unaided vision)	Visual Fields
	Better eye	Other eye	Better eye	Other eye		
Deck officers and ratings required to undertake look-out duties	6/12* 6/60 6/60†	6/24* 6/60 —	6/6* 6/12 6/6†	6/9* 6/12 —	Vision required for ship's navigation (e.g. chart and nautical publication reference, use of bridge instrumentation and equipment and identification of aids to navigation)	Normal visual fields
Engineer, radio electrical and electronic officers and ratings forming part of an engine room watch	6/60 6/60†	6/60 —	6/15 6/9†	6/15 —	Vision required to read instruments in close proximity, to operate equipment and to identify systems or components as necessary	Sufficient visual fields
Others	6/60	—	6/60	—	Sufficient for duties	Sufficient for duties

* All new entrants (persons joining the deck department for the first time).

† Those who become monocular in service with no evidence of progressive eye disease in the remaining eye.”; and

- (ii) in Table 3, by deleting the reference "paragraph 15(2) of Annex 2" and by substituting "rule 6(2)" therefor.

Made this 10th. day of Rejab, 1425 Hijriah corresponding to the 25th. day of September, 2004.

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