

PROPOSED REVISION OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE 15 – 24M CODE IMPLEMENTING ILO 188

CHAPTER 10 (CREW ACCOMMODATION)

10.1 ACCOMMODATION

10.1.1 Vessel Requirements

Note: Sections 10.1.1.1 to 10.1.1.8 inclusive apply to all vessels constructed on or after 23 November 1995 and, in so far as the structural characteristics permit, vessels of 18 metres in length LBP and over constructed before that date.
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- 10.1.1.1 The crews living quarters, where they exist, shall be such as to minimize noise, vibration, the effects of motion and acceleration and unpleasant odours from other parts of the vessel.
- 10.1.1.2 On vessels with crew accommodation, toilets, wash basins and if possible a shower shall be installed and the respective areas shall be properly ventilated.
- 10.1.1.3 Adequate stowage facilities for clothing and personal effects shall be provided for each person on board.
- 10.1.1.4 The galley and mess room, where these exist, shall be of adequate size, well lit and ventilated and easy to clean.
- 10.1.1.5 A refrigerator or other low temperature food storage shall be provided.
- 10.1.1.6 As far as is practicable, technical measures shall be taken to reduce noise levels in working and accommodation spaces.
- 10.1.1.7 An electric lighting system shall be installed that is capable of supplying adequate light to all enclosed accommodation and working spaces.
- 10.1.1.8 An adequate supply of fresh drinking water shall be provided.
- 10.1.2 **Additional Requirements for Vessels Constructed on or after 23 November 1995**
 - 10.1.2.1 The location, structure, soundproofing, means of insulation and layout of the crew accommodation and means of access shall be such as to provide adequate protection against weather and sea, vibration, noise and unpleasant odours from other parts of the vessel likely to disturb the crew during their period of rest.
 - 10.1.2.2 Where the design, dimensions or purpose of the vessel allow, the crew accommodation shall be located so as to minimise the effects of motion and acceleration.
 - 10.1.2.3 Appropriate measures shall be taken as far as possible to protect non-smokers from discomfort caused by tobacco smoke.
 - 10.1.2.4 Appropriate lighting shall be provided within the living quarters such that:
 - (i) adequate general lighting is provided;
 - (ii) reduced lighting is provided in way of crew sleeping spaces;
 - (iii) local lighting is provided for each berth.

- 10.1.2.5 On vessels with crew accommodation, shower facilities with hot and cold running water shall be provided.
- 10.1.2.6 Hot water supply systems (if fitted) shall be suitably designed, installed and fit for purpose.
- 10.1.2.7 Crew accommodation spaces shall be properly ventilated to ensure a constant supply of fresh air and to prevent condensation.
- 10.1.3 **Recommendations for Existing Vessels of less than 18m in length LBP that are at sea for more than 24 hours:**
- 10.1.3.1 **When a vessel is intended to be at sea for more than 24 hours an adequate standard of accommodation shall be provided on board. In considering such accommodation, the primary concern shall be directed towards providing facilities that contribute to the health and welfare aspects of those on board i.e. the sleeping accommodation, the ventilation, the sanitary facilities, the lighting and the fresh water and galley services. Whenever possible, consideration shall be given to providing the facilities that are detailed in section 10.1.1. E**
- 10.1.4 **Additional Requirements for Vessels built after DD/MM/201X, vessels joining the UK Register for the first time, or rejoining after a period of 6 months not being on the UK Register**
- 10.1.4.1 There shall be adequate headroom in all accommodation spaces. For spaces where fishers are expected to stand for prolonged periods, the minimum shall be prescribed by the competent authority
- 10.1.4.2 There shall be no direct openings into sleeping rooms from fish rooms and machinery spaces, except for the purpose of emergency escape. Where reasonable and practicable, direct openings from galleys, storerooms, drying rooms or communal sanitary areas shall be avoided unless expressly provided otherwise.
- 10.4.1.3 Accommodation spaces shall be adequately insulated; the materials used to construct internal bulkheads, panelling and sheeting, and floors and joinings shall be suitable for the purpose and shall be conducive to ensuring a healthy environment. Sufficient drainage shall be provided in all accommodation spaces.
- 10.4.1.4 All practicable measures shall be taken to protect fishing vessels' crew accommodation against flies and other insects, particularly when vessels are operating in mosquito-infested areas.
- 10.4.1.5 Emergency escapes from all crew accommodation spaces shall be provided as necessary.
- 10.4.1.6 Accommodation spaces shall be ventilated and adequately heated, taking into account climatic conditions.
- 10.1.4.7 Wherever practicable, accommodation spaces shall be lit with natural light in addition to artificial light
- 10.1.4.8 Emergency lighting shall be provided in sleeping rooms.
- 10.1.4.9 Where a vessel is not fitted with emergency lighting in mess rooms, passageways, and any other spaces that are or may be used for emergency escape, permanent night lighting shall be provided in such spaces.
- 10.1.4.10 Where the design, dimensions or purpose of the vessel allow, the sleeping accommodation shall be located so as to minimize the effects of motion and acceleration but shall in no case be located forward of the collision bulkhead

- 10.1.4.11 The number of persons per sleeping room and the floor area per person, excluding space occupied by berths and lockers, shall be such as to provide adequate space and comfort for the fishers on board, taking into account the service of the vessel.
- 10.1.4.12 To the extent not expressly provided otherwise, the number of persons allowed to occupy each sleeping room shall not be more than six. A separate sleeping room or sleeping rooms shall be provided for officers, wherever practicable.
- 10.1.4.13 The maximum number of persons to be accommodated in any sleeping room shall be legibly and indelibly marked in a place in the room where it can be conveniently seen.
- 10.1.4.14 Individual berths of appropriate dimensions shall be provided. Mattresses shall be of a suitable material.
- 10.1.4.15 Sleeping rooms shall be so planned and equipped as to ensure reasonable comfort for the occupants and to facilitate tidiness. Equipment provided shall include berths, individual lockers sufficient for clothing and other personal effects, and a suitable writing surface.
- 10.1.4.16 Sleeping accommodation shall be situated or equipped, as practicable, so as to provide appropriate levels of privacy for men and for women.
- 10.1.4.17 Mess rooms shall be as close as possible to the galley, but in no case shall be located forward of the collision bulkhead.
- 10.1.4.18 Vessels shall be provided with mess-room accommodation suitable for their service. To the extent not expressly provided otherwise, mess-room accommodation shall be separate from sleeping quarters, where practicable.
- 10.1.4.19 The dimensions and equipment of each mess room shall be sufficient for the number of persons likely to use it at any one time.
- 10.1.4.20 The sanitary accommodation shall be such as to eliminate contamination of other spaces as far as practicable. The sanitary facilities shall allow for reasonable privacy
- 10.1.4.21 Where sanitary facilities are provided, they shall be fitted with ventilation to the open air, independent of any other part of the accommodation.
- 10.1.4.22 All surfaces in sanitary accommodation shall be such as to facilitate easy and effective cleaning. Floors shall have a non-slip deck covering.
- 10.1.4.23 Amenities for washing and drying clothes shall be provided as necessary, taking into account the service of the vessel,
- 10.1.4.24 Whenever necessary, a cabin shall be made available for a fisher who suffers illness or injury.
- 10.1.4.25 A place for hanging foul-weather gear and other personal protective equipment shall be provided outside of, but convenient to, sleeping rooms.
- 10.1.4.26 Appropriate eating utensils, and bedding and other linen shall be provided to all fishers on board. However, the cost of the linen can be recovered as an operational cost if the collective agreement or the fisher's work agreement so provides.
- 10.1.4.27 All fishers on board shall be given reasonable access to communication facilities, to the extent practicable, at a reasonable cost and not exceeding the full cost to the fishing vessel owner.
- 10.1.4.28 Cooking equipment shall be provided on board. To the extent not expressly provided otherwise, this equipment shall be fitted, where practicable, in a separate galley.

- 10.1.4.29 The galley, or cooking area where a separate galley is not provided, shall be of adequate size for the purpose, well lit and ventilated, and properly equipped and maintained.
- 10.1.4.30 The containers of butane or propane gas used for cooking purposes in a galley shall be kept on the open deck and in a shelter which is designed to protect them from external heat sources and external impact.
- 10.1.4.31 A suitable place for provisions of adequate capacity shall be provided which can be kept dry, cool and well ventilated in order to avoid deterioration of the stores and, to the extent not expressly provided otherwise, refrigerators or other low-temperature storage shall be used, where possible.
- 10.1.4.32 Food and potable water shall be sufficient, having regard to the number of fishers, and the duration and nature of the voyage. In addition, they shall be suitable in respect of nutritional value, quality, quantity and variety, having regard as well to the fishers' religious requirements and cultural practices in relation to food.
- 10.1.4.33 Accommodation shall be maintained in a clean and habitable condition and shall be kept free of goods and stores which are not the personal property of the occupants or for their safety or rescue.
- 10.1.4.34 Galley and food storage facilities shall be maintained in a hygienic condition.
- 10.1.4.35 Waste shall be kept in closed, well-sealed containers and removed from food handling areas whenever necessary.

10.2 SIGNS

10.2.1 The following signs shall be displayed where appropriate;

- (i) "Emergency escape" (Luminescent, Green/White) to indicate escape routes;
- (ii) "Keep closed at sea" (Blue/White) on both sides of those doors which require to be closed at sea to satisfy stability requirements;
- (iii) "First Aid" (Green/White) at the first aid locker;
- (iv) "Fire-fighting equipment", (Red/White) for fire extinguishers, CO₂ release stations, fire hydrants and hose stowage and push button alarms;
- (v) "Oil discharge prohibited at sea" (Blue/White) at overboard discharges that are capable of discharging oily bilge water;
- (vi) Other signs, when identified through risk assessment.

Refer also to The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations, 2001 No. 3444 as amended and MGN 556 (M+F), or any superseding document.