

SUMMARY OF MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF SEAFARERS CONDUCTED BY APPROVED DOCTORS

1 January – 31 December 2007

Required in accordance with Regulation 12(b) of the Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Regulations 2002

1. SUMMARY OF APPROVED DOCTORS' DECISIONS

Fitness	Result	Validity Period	Form Issued	Number
Cat.				Issued
				33341
Cat 1	UNRESTRICTED	2 years	ENG 1	
		Less than 2 years – non		533
		medical reasons e.g. under		
	UNRESTRICTED	18 years	ENG 1	
		Less than 2 years – medical		3094
UNRESTRICTED - U (TL)		reasons	ENG 1	
		2 years	ENG 1 + ENG 3	910
Cat 2	RESTRICTED - R			
		Less than 2 years – medical	ENG 1 + ENG 3	850
RESTRICTED - R (TL)		reasons		
				494
Cat 3	TEMPORARILY UNFIT*- TU	Any	ENG 3	
				124
Cat 4	FAILURE - F	Permanent	ENG 3	
No. of Returns entered = 246		TOTAL No. OF EXA	MINATIONS	39346

2 ANNUAL COMPARISON OF EXAMINATIONS AND MEDICAL REVIEWS

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total no. of examinations	24987	26458	28606	31660	31388	35104	36056	39346
Cases referred to medical referees	68	87	91	71	63	70	80	71

3. ANALYSIS OF REFEREES' DECISIONS ON APPEAL CASES

Medical Category	AD's Decision Upheld	AD's Decision changed	Cases awaiting decision	Cases withdrawn	TOTAL
Cancers	1	1	0	0	2
Endocrine and metabolic	7	4	0	0	11
Blood disorders	0	0	0	0	0
Mental disorders	3	2	2	1	8
Diseases of the nervous system	4	2	0	2	8
Cardio-vascular system	7	9	0	1	17
Respiratory system	3	2	0	1	6
Digestive system	1	0	0	1	2
Genito-urinary conditions	0	3	0	0	3
Musculo-skeletal	1	4	2	1	8
Sensory	2	3	0	0	5
General	0	1	0	0	1
Physical fitness	0	0	0	0	0

	TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES	29	31	4	7	71
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Key: U(TL) – Unrestricted (less than 2 years) **R**- Restricted (2 years); **R(TL)** - Restricted (less than 2 years) **F**- Failed; **TU** – Temporarily Unfit

Ref No	Condition	U(TL)	R	R(TL)	F	TU
1.0	INFECTIONS					
1.1	Gastro intestinal infection	1	0	0	0	2
1.2	Other infection	3	0	0	0	3
1.3	Pulmonary TB	2	1	0	0	1
1.4	Sexually transmissible diseases	0	0	2	0	2
1.5	HIV +	1	1	1	0	0
2.0	CANCERS					
2.1	Malignant neoplasms	56	11	32	2	3
3.0	ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC					
3.1	Endocrine disease	18	4	2	1	2
3.2	Diabetes – non insulin	204	34	92	1	29
3.3	Diabetes - insulin using	3	8	28	4	2
3.4	Obesity / abnormal body mass	1335	52	190	8	56
4.0	BLOOD DISORDERS					
4.1	Blood-forming organs	6	1	8	0	1
4.2	Anaemia	3	0	0	0	1
4.3	Splenectomy (history of surgery)	0	3	1	0	0
5.0	MENTAL DISORDERS					
5.1	Psychosis (acute)	3	0	5	3	1
5.2	Alcohol abuse (dependency)	29	1	5	1	15
5.3	Drug dependence / persistent substance abuse	1	0	2	1	0
5.4	Neurosis e.g anxiety state, depression	43	13	13	8	13
6.0	DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM					
6.1	Organic nervous disease e.g multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease	5	1	7	2	5

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6.2	Epilepsy	3	10	3	4	2
6.3	Cranial surgery	2	0	1	0	1
6.4	Migraine (frequent attacks causing incapacity)	1	1	3	1	0
6.5	Syncope	3	1	1	1	3
6.6	Meniere's disease	3	0	1	0	2
7.0	CARDIO-VASCULAR SYSTEM					
7.1	Heart – congenital heart disease	10	3	3	0	1
7.2	Hypertension	968	52	232	1	94
7.3	Cardiac event	43	18	59	7	7
7.4	Cardiac arrhythmias	32	6	22	6	19
7.5	Other heart disease	50	11	35	3	17
7.6	Ischaemic cerebrovascular disease	8	4	21	4	1
7.7	Arterial – claudication	10	3	4	2	2
7.8	Varicose veins	19	2	1	0	1
7.9	Deep vein thrombosis / pulmonary embolus	6	1	2	2	3
7.10	Piles	0	0	1	0	0
8.0	RESPIRATORY SYSTEM					
8.1	Sinusitis / nasal obstruction	2	0	0	0	3
8.2	Throat infections	0	0	0	0	2
8.3	Chronic bronchitis and /or emphysema	39	1	7	1	4
8.4	Asthma	33	67	30	6	3
8.5	Pneumothorax	1	1	0	0	0
9.0	DIGESTIVE SYSTEM					
9.1	Diseases of the mouth and teeth	46	17	19	0	27
9.2	Peptic ulcer	11	0	4	0	0
9.3	Recurrent attacks of appendicitis	0	0	0	0	0

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9.4	Non infectious enteritis, colitis, diverticulitis etc.	19	11	19	1	5
9.5	Stoma	1	2	1	0	0
9.6	Cirrhosis of liver	3	0	1	1	0
9.7	Biliary tract disease	10	1	1	0	1
9.8	Pancreatitis	3	0	1	0	2
10.0	GENITO-URINARY CONDITIONS					
10.1	Proteinuria, glycosuria, or other urinary abnormality	110	12	22	2	64
10.2	Acute nephritis	0	0	0	0	0
10.3	Sub acute or chronic nephritis or nephrosis	6	0	3	0	0
10.4	Acute urinary infection	2	1	0	0	1
10.5	Renal or ureteric calculus	8	2	7	1	5
10.6	Prostatic enlargement/urinary obstruction	9	3	3	0	0
10.7	Removal of kidney	5	1	2	0	0
10.8	Incontinence of urine	0	0	0	0	0
10.9	Gynaecological conditions	1	1	0	1	0
11.0	PREGNANCY					
11.1	Pregnancy	0	0	27	0	0
12.0	SKIN					
12.1	Skin infections	6	0	1	0	3
12.2	Other skin diseases eg eczema, dermatitis, psoriasis	7	5	5	1	5
13.0	MUSCULO-SKELETAL					
13.1	Joint diseases and joint replacement	38	6	29	21	18
13.2	Recurrent instability of shoulder or knee joints	6	0	10	4	8
13.3	Limb prosthesis	0	0	0	0	0
13.4	Back pain	19	4	11	5	18
13.5	Hernia	17	6	11	2	33

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14.0	SENSORY					
14.1	Speech defect	0	0	1	0	0
14.2	Otitis – externia and media	2	0	1	0	4
14.3	Deafness	23	8	10	6	6
14.4	Eyesight – Visual acuity	21	170	32	8	18
	Colour vision	15	352	39	3	9
	Other sight problems	16	16	1	1	6
15.0	GENERAL					
15.1	Prescribed medication	17	12	7	6	2
15.2	Transplants – kidney, heart, lung, liver	0	1	2	0	0
15.3	Conditions not specifically listed	51	17	15	7	34
15.4	Progressive conditions	0	0	1	0	1
16.0	PHYSICAL FITNESS					
16.0	Physical fitness (Ref Appendix 2 to Annex B)	14	3	31	1	4



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