

PART B

CHAPTER 7

MINIMUM SAFE MANNING DOCUMENT

7.1 Legal Requirements

7.1.1 The requirements relating to the safe manning of ships are contained in the Merchant Shipping (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping) Regulations 2015, SI 2015/782, as amended. These regulations give effect to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW) for Seafarers', 1978, as amended. The requirements of the regulations apply to all sea-going UK ships and to other ships when in UK waters, with the exception of fishing vessels, pleasure craft and vessels in commercial use for sport or pleasure. The requirement to have on board a Safe Manning Document applies to ships of 500GT or more, although Safe Manning Documents can be issued on a voluntary basis to other vessels – see MSN 1868.

7.2 Procedure

The requirements for the approval of the safe manning and the issue of certificates are found in procedure MCA 750.

7.3 Surveyors

Only Seafarer Training and Certification Branch can issue the **Safe Manning Document** (MSF 4232) for a UK ship. For passenger ships the format of the muster list must be approved by a marine office, see Part B Chapter 13 of these instructions, prior to the issue of the Safe Manning Document.

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