

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL OTHER SHIPS WHICH ARE NOT COVERED UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 & 3 OF DMLC PART- I SECTION (8)-ACCOMMODATION(REG 3.1)

Accommodation and onboard recreational facilities - Other requirements

1. Sleeping Rooms – Arrangements

- 1.1 There shall be separate sleeping rooms provided for men and women.
- 1.2 As far as practicable, shipowners should arrange sleeping rooms of Seafarers so that watches are separated and seafarers working during the day do not share a sleeping room with watch keepers.

2. Sleeping Rooms – Berth

- 2.1 A sleeping berth shall be provided for each seafarer in all circumstances

3. Ventilation

- 3.1 All sleeping rooms and mess rooms shall be adequately ventilated, ensuring a sufficiency of air movement in all climatic conditions and shall be sufficient not to cause discomfort to the seafarers.
- 3.2 For ships trading regularly to mosquito-infested ports, appropriate devices shall be provided for protection against mosquitoes.

4. Heating

- 4.1 The heating system shall maintain the temperature in the accommodation at a satisfactory level under normal conditions of weather and climate likely to be met within the trade in which the ship is engaged. Heating systems may not be required for the ships trading only in tropical weather conditions.

5. Lighting

- 5.1 The accommodation including sleeping rooms and mess rooms shall be sufficiently lighted, such that a person with normal vision can read a standard news paper.

6. Noise and vibration and other ambient factors

- 6.1 The accommodation and recreational and catering facilities shall meet the requirements as per MLC Convention on health and safety protection and accident prevention, with respect to preventing the risk of exposure to chemicals on board ships, and to provide an acceptable occupational and on-board living environment for seafarers

- 6.2 The limits for noise and vibration levels in working and living spaces should be in conformity as far as practicable with the current editions of the ILO code of practice entitled 'Ambient factors in the workplace, 2001', the IMO "Code on Noise Levels on board Ships" and internationally recognized standards for noise and vibration levels. As a minimum no accommodation or recreational or catering facility should be exposed to excessive vibration and noise levels.
- 6.3 Seafarers shall be instructed in the dangers to hearing and health of prolonged exposure to high levels of noise and vibration.
- 6.4 Approved hearing protection equipment shall be provided to seafarers where necessary.

7. Sanitary facilities

- 7.1 All seafarers shall have convenient access on the ship to sanitary facilities meeting the minimum standards of health and hygiene and reasonable standards of comfort.
Separate sanitary facilities shall be provided for men and women.
Each wash place shall be provided with hot and cold running potable as far as practicable (Administration may exempt those ships which are not fitted with water heating facility from their original design and construction)

8. Laundry facilities

- 8.1 Ships shall be equipped with appropriately furnished laundry facilities and shall minimum include washing machine, drying machine or heated and ventilated drying rooms and Irons and ironing boards or their equivalent.

9. Hospital accommodation

- 9.1 The hospital accommodation and its sanitary facilities if applicable shall be used exclusively for medical purposes.

10. Recreational facilities

- 10.1 Appropriate seafarer's recreational facilities, amenities and services, as adapted to meet the special needs of seafarers who must work and live on ships, shall be provided on board for the benefit of all seafarers.
- 10.2 Each shipowner should give consideration to include the following facilities at no cost to the seafarer, where practicable: television and radio reception facilities together with electronic equipment such as a television, radio, video recorders, DVD players and personal computers; a stock of films sufficient for the voyage; and a suitably stocked library.
- 10.3 Recreational facilities provided shall satisfy the requirements on health and safety protection and accident prevention as prescribed in section (11) of DMLC part I

11. Communication arrangements

- 11.1 All seafarers should have reasonable access to ship-to-shore telephone communication, email and internet facilities, where available, with any charges for the use of these services being reasonable in amount.

11.2 All seafarers should be able to send and receive mail reliably and expeditiously from and to the vessel.

12. Bedding, mess utensils and miscellaneous provisions (to be provided free of charge)

- 12.1 All Seafarers should be provided with clean bedding and mess utensils supplied by the ship owner for use by the seafarers on board during service on the ship.
- 12.2 The bedding provided should be of a good quality and the mess utensils made of approved materials which can be easily cleaned.
- 12.3 Towels, soap and toilet paper should be provided for all seafarers by Ship owner

13. Documented inspections of Accommodation & recreation facilities

- 13.1 Inspections shall be carried out by or under the authority of the Master to ensure that it is clean, decently habitable and maintained in good state, at intervals of not more than one week.
- 13.2 The results of the inspections shall be recorded on board and available for review.
- 13.3 Records of inspections shall be retained on board the ship for a period of at least one year.