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To	All Surveyors/Auditors. All flags
Title	Exemptions MLC
Reference	Exemptions MLC, 2006 Title 3

Exemptions MLC- ships of less than 3,000 GT

For ships of less than 3,000 GT where it is reasonable to do so, in relation to the requirements of the provisions specified below, taking account of the size of the ship and the number of persons on board, shipowners may seek exemption under MLC, 2006 Title 3 from the Administrator from compliance with:

Heating and Ventilation

Ships, except those regularly engaged in trade where temperate climatic conditions do not require this, shall be equipped with air conditioning for seafarer accommodations, any separate radio room, and any centralized machinery control room.

Sanitary Facilities

With the exception of passenger ships, each sleeping room shall be provided with a washbasin having hot and cold running fresh water, except where such a washbasin is situated in the private bathroom provided.

Laundry Facilities

Appropriately situated and furnished laundry facilities shall be available.

The laundry facilities provided for seafarers' use should include:

- .1 washing machines supplied with hot and cold fresh water;
- .2 drying machines or adequately heated and ventilated drying rooms; and
- .3 irons and ironing boards or their equivalent.

Sleeping Rooms

In single berth seafarers' sleeping rooms, the floor area shall not be less than:

- .1 - 4.5 square meters in ships of less than 3,000 GT;
 - .2 - 5.5 square meters in ships of 3,000 GT or over but less than 10,000 GT;
- and
- .3 - seven (7) square meters in ships of 10,000 GT or over

On ships of less than 3,000 GT other than passenger ships and special purpose ships, sleeping rooms may be occupied by a maximum of two (2) seafarers. The floor area of such sleeping rooms shall not be less than seven (7) square meters.

On special purpose ships or ships with temporary riding maintenance crews, sleeping rooms may accommodate more than four (4) persons; however, the floor area of such sleeping rooms shall not be less than 3.6 square meters per person.



The Master, the chief engineer and the chief navigating officer shall have, in addition to their sleeping room, an adjoining sitting room, day room or equivalent additional space; however, ships and yachts of less than 3,000 GT may be exempted by the Administrator from this requirement after consultation with the shipowner and the applicable seafarers' organization.

For each occupant, the furniture shall include a clothes locker of ample space (minimum 475 liters) and a drawer or equivalent space of not less than 56 liters; however, if the drawer is incorporated in the clothes locker then the combined minimum volume of the clothes locker shall be 500 liters. It shall be fitted with a shelf and be able to be locked by the occupant so as to ensure privacy. Each sleeping room shall be provided with a table or desk, which may be of the fixed, drop-leaf or slide-out type, and with comfortable seating accommodation as necessary.

Any exemptions with respect to the requirements of these minimum standards may be made only where they are expressly permitted in these minimum standards and only for particular circumstances in which such exemptions can be clearly justified on strong grounds and subject to protecting the seafarers' health and safety.

REFERENCES:

- MLC, 2006 Title 3

ATTACHMENTS: No

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