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## MERCHANT SHIPPING

## MASTERS AND SEAMEN

**The Merchant Shipping (Provisions and Water) (Fishing  
Vessels) Regulations 1972**

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The Secretary of State, after consulting with the organisations referred to in section 99(2) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970(a), in exercise of powers conferred by section 21 of that Act and now vested in him (b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Provisions and Water) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1972 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1973.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

*Scale of provisions and water*

2. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations and of the Schedule hereto, there shall be provided for each seaman employed in a fishing vessel of not less than 80 feet in length (as entered in its certificate of registry) registered in the United Kingdom under Part I or under Part IV of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894(d) provisions and water in accordance with the Scale (in these Regulations called “the Scale”) set out in the Schedule and, in addition to the quantities prescribed in the Scale, there shall be provided such quantities of sugar, milk and butter as are needed for cooking.

*Requirements relating to the Scale*

3. The provisions and water provided in accordance with these Regulations—

(a) shall be of fine, first, good or prime quality, as may, in the case of any particular provision, be appropriate;

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(a) 1970 c. 36.

(b) See the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/1537 (1970 III, p. 5293)).

(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(d) 57 & 58 Vict. c. 60.

- (b) shall not contain anything which is likely to cause sickness or injury to health or which renders any provision or water unpalatable; and
- (c) shall otherwise be fit for consumption.

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this regulation and of the Scale, the quantities of provisions and water prescribed in the Scale shall be provided in each week (reckoned from the day when the seaman begins living on board the fishing vessel); provided that—

- (a) the water, bread, bacon or ham, fresh meat and potatoes described in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 respectively of the Scale shall be provided daily in approximately equal amounts; and
- (b) the provision of all other provisions shall be reasonably distributed throughout each week.

(2) In the case of a seaman who lives on board the fishing vessel for a consecutive number of days fewer than 7 or for a consecutive number of days after the end of a period being a multiple of 7 days, the quantities of provisions and water to be provided for him shall be reduced during any such consecutive number of days to the proportion of those quantities which such consecutive number of days bears to 7.

5. Where, in any paragraph in the Scale, more than one provision is specified, subject to that paragraph, the prescribed quantity may be made up of one of, or of any combination of, those provisions.

6.—(1) Where in any paragraph of the Scale an equivalent provision is described in column 2, that provision may be provided instead of the standard provision described in column 1; but such an equivalent provision shall not be provided on more than 3 days in any week unless on any day it is not practicable to provide the standard provision.

(2) Where it is not possible to provide either the standard provision described in column 1 in any paragraph of the Scale or the equivalent provision described in column 2 in the same paragraph, the substitute provision described in column 3 in that paragraph shall be provided.

7. Except where otherwise prescribed in column 2 or column 3, as the case may be, in any paragraph in the Scale, the quantity of provisions to be provided in accordance with regulation 6 shall be the same as that prescribed in column 1 in that paragraph.

#### *Weighing and measuring equipment*

8. There shall be carried in every fishing vessel to which regulation 2 applies such weighing and measuring equipment as may be necessary to ensure that the quantities of provisions and water supplied to seamen employed in the fishing vessel are in accordance with these Regulations.

30th November 1972.

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## THE SCHEDULE

## Scale of provisions and water to be provided for seamen

	Column 1 Standard provisions (Quantities per week)	Column 2 Equivalent provisions (Quantities per week)	Column 3 Substitute provisions (Quantities per week)
1.	Water 28 quarts.	—	—
2.	Bread 7 lb.	—	Rice or potatoes
3.	Bacon or Ham 12 oz.	—	Smoked fish, kippers, tinned salmon, herrings, pilchards or sardines in the proportion of 1½ lb. to 1 lb. of ham or bacon.
4.	Fresh Meat 7 lb. 4 oz. (The weight of fresh meat is the weight, including fat and bone, before preparation for cooking; 80 lb. of boneless trimmed jointed meat being treated as equal to 100 lb. of fresh meat).	As to 4 lb. 8 oz.—none. As to 2 lb. 12 oz.— (a) fresh offal (not exceeding 1 lb. per week); (b) fresh sausage (not exceeding 1 lb. per week); (c) poultry (not exceeding 1 lb. per week) in the proportion of 1 lb. to 12 oz. of fresh meat; (d) fresh fish (not exceeding 1½ lb. per week) in the proportion of 1½ lb. to 1 lb. of fresh meat.	— Preserved meat or canned sausage in the proportion of ½ lb. to 1 lb. of fresh meat.
5.	Eggs 5—for not less than the first 6 weeks of a voyage, and thereafter when available.	—	Fresh meat, bacon or ham in the proportion of 1½ oz. to 1 egg.
6.	Potatoes 7 lb.—for not less than the first 8 weeks of a voyage, and thereafter when available.	—	(a) Rice, yams, sweet potatoes, bread or vegetables preserved in tins; (b) Dehydrated potatoes or dehydrated vegetables in the proportion of 1 lb. to 6 lb. of fresh potatoes.
7.	Peas, split, or lentils 4 oz.	—	—

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8.	Fresh vegetables (including salads) 3 lb. 8 oz.	Frozen vegetables in the proportion of 5 oz. to 8 oz. of fresh vegetables.	(a) Tinned vegetables; (b) Green peas, haricot or butter beans or dehydrated vegetables in the proportion of 3 oz. to 8 oz. fresh vegetables.
9.	Flour 1 lb.	—	—
10.	Rice 6 oz.	—	Potatoes, Breakfast Cereal, Oatmeal or Rolled Oats.
11.	Fresh fish 8 oz.	—	Tinned salmon, herrings, pilchards or sardines in the proportion of 1 oz. to 2 oz. fresh fish.
12.	Breakfast Cereal, Oatmeal or Rolled Oats 6 oz.	—	Potatoes, rice.
13.	Tea 4½ oz.	—	(a) coffee in the proportion of 2 oz. to 1 oz. tea; (b) cocoa or drinking chocolate in the proportion of 3 oz. to 1 oz. tea; (c) instant coffee in the proportion of ½ oz. to 1 oz. tea.
14.	Coffee (containing not more than 25% chicory) or Instant Coffee or Cocoa or Drinking Chocolate	—	Tea in the proportion of ½ oz. to 1 oz. Coffee, 1½ oz. of Cocoa or Drinking Chocolate, or 2 drams Instant Coffee.
	2 oz. ½ oz. 3 oz.		
15.	Sugar 1½ lb.	—	—
16.	Milk, Condensed or Fresh Milk (Homogenized) or Ultra Heat Treated Milk or Dried Milk	—	—
	28 oz. 3½ pts. 3½ pts. 12 oz.		
17.	Butter 10½ oz.	—	(a) Marmalade 21 oz. (b) Syrup 21 oz. (c) Jam 21 oz.
18.	Suet 2 oz.	—	—

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19.	Cooking fat or Oil or Margarine 4 oz.	—	—
20.	Jam or Marmalade 8 oz.	—	(a) Cheese 4 oz. (b) Syrup 8 oz.
21.	Cheese 5 oz.	—	(a) Marmalade 10 oz. (b) Jam 10 oz. (c) Syrup 10 oz.
22.	Pickles 3 oz.	—	—
23.	Bottled sauces 2 oz.	—	—
24.	Onions, fresh, store or dried 8 oz.	—	(a) Onions or other vegetables preserved in tins—8 oz. (b) Dehydrated onions or other vegetables—1 oz.
25.	Dried fruit (raisins, sultanas, currants, figs, prunes, apples, pears, peaches, apricots and dates). 3 oz.	—	—
26.	Tinned fruit, Frozen fruit or Fresh fruit 6 oz.	—	—
27.	Fine Salt 2 oz.	—	—
28.	Mustard $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	—	—
29.	Pepper $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	—	—
30.	Curry powder $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.	—	—

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations, which supersede existing provisions, set out the requirements as to provisions and water to be provided for seamen employed in fishing vessels registered in the United Kingdom.

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