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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1987 No. 408**

**MERCHANT SHIPPING**

**MASTERS AND SEAMEN**

**The Merchant Shipping (Seamen's Documents) Regulations 1987**

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**THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (SEAMEN'S DOCUMENTS) REGULATIONS 1987**

1. Citation, commencement, interpretation and revocation

**PART I**

**BRITISH SEAMEN'S CARDS**

2. Application for British Seamen's Cards
3. (1) Regulation 2 applies to any British seaman—
4. A person applying for a British Seaman's Card shall—
5. Issue of British Seamen's Cards
6. Form and contents of British Seamen's Cards
7. Validity of British Seamen's Cards
8. (1) A British Seaman's Card issued pursuant to the Merchant...
9. When his British Seaman's Card is lost, destroyed, defaced or...
10. Production of British Seamen's Cards
11. Surrender of British Seamen's Cards
12. Delivery of British Seamen's Cards
13. British Seamen's Cards issued under the Order of 1960.
14. A British Seaman's Card to which regulation 13 applies shall...

**PART II**

**DISCHARGE BOOKS**

15. Application for discharge books
16. (1) Regulation 15 shall not apply to a person if...

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17. (1) A person applying for a discharge book shall—
18. Issue of discharge books
19. Form and content of discharge books
20. Entries in discharge books
21. A superintendent, a proper officer or the Registrar General of...
22. Production of discharge books
23. Delivery of discharge books
24. Effect of loss, destruction, defacement or filling up of discharge books.

### PART III

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO BRITISH SEAMEN'S CARDS AND TO DISCHARGE BOOKS

25. In this Part of these Regulations “seaman’s document” means a...
26. Notification of errors in seamen’s documents
27. Surrender of seamen’s documents
28. Alterations in seamen’s documents
29. Applications relating to seamen’s documents
30. Offences  
Signature

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — REGULATIONS REVOKED BY THESE REGULATIONS

#### SCHEDULE 2 — PARTICULARS TO BE RECORDED IN A BRITISH SEAMAN'S CARD

1. A statement that the document is a seafarer’s identity document...
2. Full name of the holder.
3. Height.
4. Colour of eyes.
5. Date and place of birth.
6. Distinguishing marks (if any).
7. Discharge Book number (if any).
8. Nationality.
9. Home address.
10. National insurance number.
11. Photograph of holder.
12. Signature of holder.
13. A statement of the period of validity.

#### SCHEDULE 3 — PARTICULARS TO BE FURNISHED IN APPLICATIONS FOR SEAMEN'S DOCUMENTS

1. The name of the person applying for the document;
2. His home address;
3. The date and place of his birth;
4. Any previous names, including in the case of a woman...
5. His nationality;
6. The colour of his eyes;
7. His distinguishing marks (if any);
8. His height;
9. The number of his discharge book (if any);
10. The grade, number and date of issue of any certificate...
11. National insurance number;

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12. The name, relationship and address of his next of kin;...
13. Merchant Navy Officer's Pension Fund (MNOFF)/Merchant Navy Ratings Pension Fund...
14. Union membership number (if any).

SCHEDULE 4 — Countries referred to in regulation 16(1) (which relates to persons holding documents, containing substantially the same information as Discharge Books, issued by or under the authority of the governments of certain countries).

Explanatory Note