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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2962**

**The Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels  
(Health and Safety at Work) Regulations 1997**

**Part V**

**General duties of workers**

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- 21.**—(1) It shall be the duty of every worker aboard a ship to which these Regulations apply—
- (a) to take reasonable care for the health and safety of himself and of any other person aboard ship who may be affected by his acts or omissions; and
  - (b) as regards any duty or requirement imposed on the Company, his employer or any other person by these Regulations and the Act or any regulation or rule made thereunder, with regard to health and safety, to co-operate with that person so far as is necessary to enable that duty or requirement to be performed or complied with.
- (2) No worker shall—
- (a) use any machinery, equipment, dangerous substance, transport equipment, means of production or safety device provided by his employer or the Company other than in accordance with any relevant training or instructions which have been received or provided by the employer or the Company in compliance with these Regulations; or
  - (b) disconnect, change or remove or otherwise interfere with any safety device provided by the employer or the Company.
- (3) Every worker shall immediately inform the master or the safety officer or another competent person appointed under regulation 14(1) of any matter which may reasonably be considered to represent a deficiency in the Company's protection arrangements for the health and safety of persons on board the ship.
- (4) Every worker shall immediately inform his employer, the safety officer or other competent person—
- (a) of any work situation which he reasonably considers to represent a serious and immediate danger to health and safety; and
  - (b) of any matter which he reasonably considers to represent a deficiency in the employer's protection arrangements for health and safety.