

Regulations of 27 May 1980 No. 1 on danger messages, meteorological services, distress messages, life saving signals, etc.

Legal basis: Laid down by the Norwegian Maritime Authority in pursuance of section 323 (currently section 370) of the Maritime Act of 20 July 1893 No. 1, cf. Royal Decree of 1 December 1978.

Section 1

Definitions

For the purpose of these Regulations the following definition applies: “*Convention*”: The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974.

Section 2

Application

These Regulations apply to all ships on all voyage except as provided for in Regulation 1 of Chapter V of the Convention.

Section 3

Danger messages, meteorological services, distress messages, life-saving signals, etc.

1. Chapter V of the Convention, concerning Safety of Navigation, Regulations 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10 and 16, concerning danger messages, meteorological services, distress messages, lifesaving signals, etc. apply to all ships as specified in section 2 of these Regulations.
2. In Norway, danger messages shall be sent to the Director of Ports and Harbours in Oslo. Reports of mine dangers shall be sent to the relevant Naval Defence Command. Meteorological observations shall be sent to the Meteorological Institute. Radio messages shall be sent as prescribed in the Radio Regulations.
3. The owner/master should ensure that Regulation 8 (e) of Chapter V of the Convention is complied with.

Section 4

Deviations

The Norwegian Maritime Authority may permit deviations from or impose other requirements than prescribed in these Regulations provided that this does not contravene any international agreement ratified by Norway.

Section 5

Penal clause

Wilful or negligent violation of these Regulations is punishable by fines pursuant to the General Civil Penal Code of 22 May 1902 No. 10, section 339, subsection 2, provided that a more stringent penalty is not applicable pursuant to other legislation.

Section 6

Entry into force

These Regulations enter into force immediately.

Regulations of 25 November 1964 concerning warning of danger, concerning meteorological reports, assistance to ships in distress, as well as life saving signals, etc., are repealed as from the same date.