

Instructions to Class

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Accommodation on Special Purpose Ships

Purpose

This instruction provides the Recognized Organization (RO) with information necessary to survey accommodation facilities on board Norwegian flagged Special Purpose Ships, the keel of which is laid on or after 20 August 2013. The instruction includes the following items:

1. Size of individual sleeping rooms for crew
2. Number of people in sleeping rooms
3. Artificial lighting in sleeping rooms

Application

ItC 1-2015 applies to Special Purpose Ships registered in a Norwegian Ship Register, the keel of which is laid on or after 20 August 2013.

Definitions

Special Purpose Ship: A Cargo Ship constructed in compliance with the IMO Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships 2008 (2008 SPS Code), cf. IC 1 – 2009.

Crew: The master and any person on board who carries out work in the ship`s service.

References

- Regulation of 15 September 1992 No. 707 concerning the accommodation and catering service on ships (Reg. No. 707)
- Maritime Labour Convention 2006
- MSC.266 (84) Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships, 2008. (2008 SPS Code)
- ItC 1-2009

Background

Many ships carrying a relatively high number of persons are built and certified in accordance with the 2008 SPS Code. These ships have a special construction and participate in advanced marine operations.

The Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) recommends that Special Purpose Ships are designed such that all crew members are provided with individual sleeping rooms with natural lighting. However, due to the layout of Special Purpose Ships in combination with a large crew complement, the NMA recognizes the challenges associated with providing individual sleeping rooms with natural lighting for each member of the crew.

This instruction describes acceptable accommodation facilities and arrangements on board Norwegian flagged Special Purpose Ships.

The NMA has consulted the ship owners' as well as seafarers' organisations prior to adopting this Instruction to Class.

Item 1: Size of individual sleeping rooms

The NMA invites the shipping industry to design ships that provide individual sleeping rooms for each member of the crew, including special purpose personnel. In accordance with Reg. No. 707 section 15 (3) litra c, cf. MLC Standard A3.1.9 litra g, the NMA may allow a smaller floor area for Special Purpose Ships arranged with individual sleeping rooms only. The floor area shall as a minimum comply with the limits specified in ILO No. 133 article 5.

Item 2: Number of persons in sleeping rooms

In accordance with Reg. No. 707 section 14(4) litra a, an individual sleeping room shall be provided for each crew member. However, the NMA accepts two persons sharing a sleeping room on the following conditions:

1. The persons shall be on opposite watches so that the person who is off duty may have the sleeping room alone, cf. MLC Guideline B 3.1.5.3
2. There shall be sufficient dayrooms/recreational facilities with comfortable seating for the person who is on duty.

Arrangements with three or more persons in a sleeping room shall be evaluated on a case by case basis and the NMA shall be consulted accordingly.

Officers in charge of a department, navigating and engineer officers in charge of a watch shall be provided with individual sleeping rooms, cf. Reg. No. 707 section 14 (2) b.

Item 3: Artificial lighting in sleeping rooms

When it is not possible to arrange sleeping rooms with natural lighting, the NMA accepts sleeping rooms arranged with artificial lighting that meets the requirements in Reg. No. 707 section 13 (4).