

# Regulations on passenger ships in the Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS)

**Legal basis:** Laid down by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries on 28 June 2021 pursuant to the Act of 12 June 1987 No. 48 relating to a Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS) section 4, cf. Formal Delegation of 27 March 2015 No. 310.

## **Section 1. *Scope of application***

These Regulations apply to passenger ships registered in the Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS).

## **Section 2. *Permission to carry passengers in Svalbard***

Passenger ships registered in NIS may carry passengers between ports in Svalbard, between Svalbard and the mainland, and on a regular route between Svalbard and a foreign port.

## **Section 3. *Permission to carry passengers along the coast***

Cruise ships registered in NIS may carry passengers between Norwegian ports if they call at a minimum of two foreign ports in total before or after calling at one or more Norwegian ports.

Passengers shall not be permitted to purchase tickets between Norwegian ports only.

Passengers may board and leave the cruise ship in a Norwegian port if their ticket includes calls at a minimum of two foreign ports.

For the purpose of these Regulations, "cruise ship" means a passenger ship with cabin capacity for all passengers on board which operates in accordance with an itinerary and excursion programme. The ship's itinerary must include at least one overnight trip and be of at least 24 hours' duration.

## **Section 4. *Prohibition against carrying passengers between Nordic countries***

Passenger ships registered in NIS may not carry passengers on a regular route between Nordic countries. This prohibition applies to any passenger transport, including seasonal transport, between Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Sweden.

## **Section 5. *Prohibition against undertaking stationary commercial activities***

Passenger ships registered in NIS may not undertake stationary commercial activities in Norwegian waters. This applies to anchored or berthed ships offering services other than transport.

Nevertheless, passenger ships carrying passengers in accordance with sections 2 and 3 may offer services related to such transport.

## **Section 6. *Penalties and violation fines***

Violation of sections 4 and 5 will be subject to penalties in accordance with section 11 of the NIS Act or fines in accordance with section 13 of the NIS Act.

## **Section 7. *Entry into force***

These Regulations enter into force on 1 July 2021. As from the same date, the Regulations of 9 July 1993 No. 596 on trade areas for passenger ships registered in the Norwegian International Ship Register (NIS) are repealed.