

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS ON THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF EMPLOYEES ON NORWEGIAN SHIPS AND MOBILE OFFSHORE UNITS

Legal basis: Laid down by the Norwegian Maritime Authority on 3 February 2020 under the Act of 16 February 2007 No. 9 relating to ship safety and security (Ship Safety and Security Act) sections 2, 6 and 17, cf. Formal Delegation of 16 February 2007 No. 171 and Formal Delegation of 31 May 2007 No. 590.

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Regulations of 5 June 2014 No. 805 on the medical examination of employees on Norwegian ships and mobile offshore units are amended as follows:

Section 6a should read:

Section 6a Exemption when registering a vessel

When a new vessel is registered in a Norwegian ship register to fly the Norwegian flag, the Norwegian Maritime Authority (NMA) may upon written application from the company grant a time-limited exemption from the requirement of having a valid medical certificate pursuant to these Regulations, provided that the company can confirm that:

- a) it is not reasonably possible to provide valid medical certificates pursuant to these Regulations for all persons working on board prior to the date of registration in a Norwegian ship register;*
- b) the persons working on board have valid medical certificates issued by a flag State which has ratified the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW), and compliance with the STCW requirements is specified in the medical certificates;*
- c) copies of valid medical certificates pursuant to these Regulations will be submitted as soon as possible and no later than three months after the vessel has been registered in a Norwegian ship register.*

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This Regulation enters into force immediately.