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Part A The use of personal protective equipment

Regulation 1 Application

- 1 The provisions of this part shall apply to the use of personal protective equipment during work on board ships.
- 2 Shipowners*, employers, masters, supervisors and other persons working on board shall ensure that the provisions of this part are complied with.
- 3 The technical regulation contains provisions drafted on the basis of Council Directive 89/656/EEC, Official Journal 1989 L 393, p. 18.

Regulation 2 Definitions

- 1 In this technical regulation, "personal protective equipment" shall mean all equipment designed for use by employees to protect them against one or more risks that may constitute a threat to the health and safety of the person in question during work as well as any appurtenance that serves this purpose.
- 2 Ordinary work equipment and uniforms, including clothing, shall be regarded as personal protective equipment only to the extent that they are especially designed for protecting the employee's health and safety.
- 3 Alarm equipment, equipment for emergency and rescue services as well as portable equipment for tracking and locating hazardous and harmful substances shall not be considered personal protective equipment.

Regulation 3 The use of personal protective equipment

- 1 If the work cannot be planned, arranged and carried out in any other way that is in every respect reasonable from a health and safety perspective, cf. chapter I, part A, on the performance of work on board ships, the work may be carried out only if personal protective equipment is being used.
- 2 Personal protective equipment shall be used in accordance with the user guidelines and shall be used immediately when the work is commenced and during its entire duration.
- 3 The person in charge of the work shall ensure, by means of instructions and training that the user is capable of using the equipment correctly and is acquainted with the risks against which the use of the equipment protects.
- 4 The personal protective equipment used shall be in accordance with the provisions in the relevant Statutory Order on safety requirements, etc. for personal protective equipment issued by the Danish Working Environment Authority. Personal protective equipment acquired by ships located outside the European Union shall be of an equivalent level.
- 5 The ship shall make personal protective equipment available to the complement.

- 6 The personal protective equipment shall be suitably designed so that, other than the protection intended, it does not inflict any unnecessary nuisance on the employee.
- 7 It shall be possible to use the personal protective equipment together with other equipment and correcting aids to the extent relevant and without it losing its effect.
- 8 The personal protective equipment shall be maintained, stored and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- 9 If, due to more than one risk, it is required that the employee carries several items of personal protective equipment, it shall be possible to do so without the equipment losing its effectiveness in relation to each individual risk.
- 10 The shipowner shall pay the expenses for the purchase, maintenance and cleaning of personal protective equipment and shall have proprietary right to it.
- 11 Where the use of personal protective equipment makes a change of clothes necessary, suitable possibilities to change clothes and store ordinary clothes shall be available to the employees.
- 12 If personal protective equipment is to be used when moving about in or passing through areas, signs shall be affixed to clearly indicate this.
- 13 Work shall be organised in consideration of the physical and mental strains, nuisance, etc. related to the use of personal protective equipment in connection with each individual kind of work as well as in consideration of the protective properties of the personal protective equipment.

Regulation 4 Employees

- 1 Employees shall use the personal protective equipment handed out to them when they start the work in question and for its entire duration.
- 2 Employees shall contribute to ensuring that the equipment functions as intended, such as report any defects and deficiencies to a member of the safety group, the person in charge of the work, the master or the shipowner.