



## Ministerial Resolution No 1481

Dated on 13 November 2017

REGARDING MINIMUM SAFE MANNING FOR SYRIAN SHIPS

### The Minister of Transport:

- By virtue of Legislative Decree No. 154 issued in the year 1961 including the duties and authorities of the General Directorate of Ports;
- By virtue of Legislative Decree No. 93 issued in the year 1974 regarding the formation of the Ministry of Transport;
- By virtue of Law No. 34 dated on 31/10/2017;
- And by virtue of the suggestion of the General Directorate of Ports.

### Decides the following:

#### INTERPRETATION

#### Article 1

The following Definitions apply in this resolution.

“**The Ministry**” means the Ministry of Transport.

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“**Directorate**” means the General Directorate of Ports (the Competent Maritime Authority).

“**General Director**” means the General Director of Ports.

“**IMO**” means the International Maritime Organization.

“**Company**” means the owner of the ship or any other organization or person such as the manager, or the bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for operation of the ship from the ship owner and who, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over all the duties and responsibilities imposed on the company by this resolution.

“**Safe Manning**” means the minimum number of qualified and experienced seafarers necessary for the safety and security of the ship, crew, passengers, cargo and property and for the protection of the marine environment.

#### APPLICATION

#### Article 2

This resolution applies in respect of safe manning requirements for Syrian ships.

#### ISSUANCE OF THE MINIMUM SAFE MANNING DOCUMENT

#### Article 3

- (a) The General Director issues the minimum safe manning document for Syrian ship.
- (a) The minimum safe manning document will be valid for five years and issue in accordance with a form specified by Annex No.1 of this resolution.

## PROCEDURES FOR AWARDING THE MINIMUM SAFE MANNING DOCUMENT

### Article 4

- (a) The Company of Syrian ships shall prepare a proposal of the minimum safe manning and submit it to the Directorate in accordance with a form specified in Annex No.2 of this Resolution. The proposal shall not be less than as stated in Article 7 of this Resolution.
- (b) The Directorate shall evaluate and approve the proposal for the minimum safe manning of a ship submitted by a company in accordance with IMO Resolution A.1047(27), Principles of minimum Safe Manning, or any other resolution that replaces it; and ensure that
- the proposed ship's complement contains the number and grades/capacities of personnel to fulfill the tasks, duties and responsibilities required for the safe operation of the ship, for its security, for protection of the marine environment and for dealing with emergency situations; and
  - the master, officers and other members of the ship's complement are not required to work more hours than is safe in relation to the performance of their duties and the safety of the ship and that the requirements for work and rest hours, in accordance with the Ministerial Resolution No.1480 or any other resolution that replaces it, can be complied with
- (c) The Directorate shall require a company to amend a proposal for the minimum safe manning of a ship if, after evaluation of the original proposal submitted by the company, the Directorate is unable to approve the proposed composition of the ship's complement.

## WITHDRAWAL THE MINIMUM SAFE MANNING DOCUMENT

### Article 5

- (a) The Directorate may withdraw the minimum safe manning document of a ship if the company fails to submit a new proposal for the ship's minimum safe manning when changes in trading area(s), construction, machinery, equipment or operation and maintenance of the ship have taken place which affect the minimum safe manning.
- (b) The Directorate shall review and may withdraw, as appropriate, the minimum safe manning document of a ship which persistently fails to be in compliance with rest hours requirements.

### Article 6

The master and officers on board Syrian trading ships shall have valid certificate of competency or endorsement issued by the Directorate, and the originals should be kept on board.

## THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF MASTER, OFFICERS AND RATINGS ON BOARD OF SHIP

### Article 7

**Table (1) the minimum safe manning requirements for the vessel's deck department.**

Gross Tonnage	Under 500	500-1500	1501-3000	3001-5000	5001-10000	Over 10000
Master	1	1	1	1	1	1
Chief mate	1	1	1	1	1	1
Officer in Charge of a navigational watch	-	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1	2	2
Able deck seafarer or Rating forming a part of a navigational watch	2	2	3	4	5	6

(1) In Restricted Trading, One Deck Officer may be omitted.

**Note:** At least two Deck Officers must be holder of a recognized GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (G.O.C), or otherwise vessel must carry a dedicated Radio Officer, holder of at least a recognized GMDSS General Operator's Certificate (G.O.C)

In Coastal Voyage the GMDSS General Operator's Certificate may be replaced by GMDSS Restricted Operator Certificate

**Table (2) the minimum safe manning requirements for the vessel's engine department.**

Registered Propulsion Power (kilowatts)	Under 750	750-1500	1501-3000	3001-7500	7501-11000	Over 11000
Chief Engineer Officer	1	1	1	1	1	1
Second Engineer Officer	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	1 <sup>(1)</sup>	1	1	1	1
Officer in Charge of an engineering watch	-	-	1 <sup>(2)</sup>	1 <sup>(2)</sup>	1 <sup>(2)</sup>	2 <sup>(2)</sup>
Able engine seafarer or Rating forming a part of an engineering watch	1	1	2 <sup>(3)</sup>	3 <sup>(3)</sup>	3 <sup>(3)</sup>	3 <sup>(3)</sup>

(1) On ships with UMS documentary evidence, one Second Engineer officer may be omitted.

(2) On Ships with UMS documentary evidence, one Officer in Charge of an engineering watch may be omitted.

(3) On Ships with UMS documentary evidence, one Able engine seafarer or Rating forming a part of an engineering watch may be omitted.

**Note:** Electro-Technical Officer or Qualified Person should be onboard to undertake the tasks, duties and responsibilities required to –

- operate the ship's electrical and electronic equipment; and
- maintain the safety of the ship's electrical and electronic systems.

### **Article 8**

The resolution is published and informed to whom it may have to execute.

Damascus on 13/11/2017

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