

The following articles and paragraphs apply to ALL SHIPS

Article 3.1 Accommodation for seafarers

1. The accommodation shall comply with the parts of the Maritime Labour Convention Standards mentioned in the table below:

Headroom	Standard A3.1, paragraph 6 (a), first sentence
Insulation	Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(b)
Materials to be used	Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(f)
Lighting and drainage	Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(g)
Air conditioning	Standard A3.1, paragraph 7(b)
Heating system	Standard A3.1, paragraph 7(d)

2. The heating system referred to in paragraph 1 and the air conditioning system shall be capable of maintaining a constant temperature of 20°C throughout the accommodation.

3. Moreover, the accommodation shall comply with standards defined in the Maritime Labour Convention Guidelines or parts of Guidelines mentioned in the table below:

Design and construction	Guideline B3.1.1
Ventilation	Guideline B3.1.2
Heating and radiators	Guideline B3.1.3, paragraphs 2 and 3
Lighting	Guideline B3.1.4, paragraph 1
Location of accommodation for prevention of noise and vibration	Guideline B3.1.12, paragraph 1
Acoustic insulation	Guideline B3.1.12, paragraphs 2 and 3
Prevention of extreme vibration	Guideline B3.1.12, paragraph 5

4. The standards mentioned in the table below shall apply to the electrical lighting in the accommodation:

<i>Type of accommodation</i>	<i>Lux</i>
Day rooms and areas with recreational facilities	300
Passageways and stairways, sleeping rooms	150
Bridge, offices, galley	500
Hospital accommodation	540
Sanitary accommodation	325

Article 3.2 Exemptions for accommodation

1. The Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations, grant an exemption from Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(a), first sentence of the Maritime Labour Convention, if the reduced height of the concerned accommodation is reasonable and does not cause any discomfort to the seafarers.

2. No exemption shall be granted for a height of less than 1930 mm in the accommodation.

3. For ships of less than 200 GT, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations and taking into account the size of the ship and number of persons on board, grant an exemption from Standard A3.1, paragraph 7(b) relating to the air conditioning.

Article 3.3 Sleeping rooms

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 3.1 and 3.2, the sleeping rooms shall comply with the parts of the Maritime Labour Convention Standards mentioned in the table below:

Location on the ship, other than a passenger ship	Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(c)
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Separation from other areas	Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(e)
Ventilation	Standard A3.1, paragraph 7(a)
Lighting	Standard A3.1, paragraph 8
Individual sleeping room for each seafarer on ships other than passenger ships	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(a), first phrase
Separate sleeping rooms for men and women	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(b)
Dimensions and equipment	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(c)
Separate berth for each seafarer	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(d)
Minimum dimensions of a berth	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(e)
Floor area of sleeping rooms for a single seafarer	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(f)
Floor area and number of seafarers per sleeping room on ships of less than 3000 GT, other than passenger ships or special purpose ships	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(h)
Floor area of sleeping rooms on passenger ships and special purpose ships	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(i)
Floor area of sleeping rooms for more than 4 seafarers on special purpose ships	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(j)
Floor area of sleeping rooms for seafarers who perform the duties of Officers	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(k) or Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(l) for passenger ships and special purpose ships
Additional space adjoining the sleeping rooms for the Master, Chief Engineer and Chief Navigating Officer	Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(m), first phrase
Furniture	Standard A3.1, paragraphs 9(n) and 9(o)

2. Supplementary to Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(e), the inside length of a berth shall be at least 2000 mm.
3. Sleeping rooms shall be located aft of the collision bulkhead.
4. Furthermore, sleeping rooms shall comply with standards defined in the Maritime Labour Convention Guidelines or parts of Guidelines mentioned in the table below:

Electric reading lamp	Guideline B3.1.4, paragraph 2
Comfort of berths	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 1
Equipped with a bathroom, including water closet	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 2
Separation of seafarers working as watchkeepers from those working during the day	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 3
Maximum number of Petty Officers per sleeping room	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 4
An additional space adjoining the sleeping rooms	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 5
Space for various facilities also included within the dimensions of the floor area	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 6
Berths placed above one another	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraphs 7, 8 and 12
Materials used for the bed frame, lee-boards and furniture amidships	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraphs 9, 10 and 13
Mattresses	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 11
Curtains or equivalent fittings	Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 14
Other sleeping room facilities	Guidelines B3.1.5, paragraph 15 and B3.1.10

Article 3.7 Exemptions and derogations with respect to sleeping rooms

1. The Minister may grant exemption from Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(c) of the Maritime Labour Convention with respect to the location of sleeping rooms forward of amidships, if the size, type or intended service of the ship renders any other location impracticable.

8. The Minister may grant exemption from the standards defined in:

- a. Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 2 of the Maritime Labour Convention that requires sleeping rooms to have private sanitary facilities;
- b. Guideline B3.1.5, paragraph 3 of the Maritime Labour Convention that requires sleeping rooms to be arranged such that watches are separated and seafarers working during the day have separate accommodation from those working at night.

Article 3.8 Day rooms

1. Without prejudice to Articles 3.1 and 3.2, the day rooms shall comply with the parts of the Maritime Labour Convention Standards mentioned in the table below:

Ventilation	Standard A3.1, paragraph 7(a)
Lighting	Standard A3.1, paragraph 8
Location, size and equipment of day rooms	Standard A3.1, paragraph 10

2. Furthermore, day rooms shall comply with standards defined in the parts of the Maritime Labour Convention Guidelines mentioned in the table below:

Floor area of day rooms	Guideline B3.1.6, paragraph 3
Furniture in day rooms	Guideline B3.1.6, paragraph 4
Day room facilities	Guideline B3.1.6, paragraph 5
Pantries	Guideline B3.1.6, paragraph 6
Materials used for the furniture	Guideline B3.1.6, paragraph 7

5. Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraphs 3 and 4, a separate day room shall be provided for seafarers who do not hold a position as referred to in Article 18, paragraph 2 of the Act.

Article 3.9 Exemptions and derogations with respect to day rooms

2. The Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations and taking into account the factors mentioned in Guideline B3.1.6, paragraph 1 of the Maritime Labour Convention, grant exemption from the provisions of Article 3.8, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 relating to the presence of separate day rooms.

Article 3.10 Sanitary facilities

1. Without prejudice to Articles 3.1 and 3.2, the sanitary facilities shall comply with the parts of the Maritime Labour Convention Standards mentioned in the table below:

Ventilation	Standard A3.1, paragraph 7(c)
Accessibility, hygiene and comfort	Standard A3.1, paragraphs 11(a), 11(b) and 11(c)
Washbasins in sleeping rooms	Standard A3.1, paragraph 11(d)
Hot and cold running water	Standard A3.1, paragraph 11(f)

2. Furthermore, the sanitary facilities shall comply with standards defined in the parts of the Maritime Labour Convention Guidelines mentioned in the table below:

Washbasins and baths	Guideline B3.1.7, paragraph 1
Water closets	Guideline B3.1.7, paragraph 2
Layout of sanitary accommodation intended for more than one person	Guideline B3.1.7, paragraph 3

Article 3.15 Miscellaneous facilities

1. The following facilities shall be present on board, in compliance with the parts of the Maritime Labour Convention Standards and standards defined in the parts of the Maritime Labour Convention Guidelines mentioned in the table below:

Laundry facilities	Standard A3.1, paragraph 13 and Guideline B3.1.7, paragraph 4
Space on open deck	Standard A3.1, paragraph 14
Offices	Standard A3.1, paragraph 15, first sentence

2. On ships of 1600 GT or more, a changing room shall be available for engine room personnel, which shall be compliant with standards defined in Guideline B3.1.9 of the Maritime Labour Convention, unless all engine room personnel have access to a sleeping room intended for no more than two persons and which has an attached sanitary accommodation containing a bath or shower. The changing room for engine room personnel shall be accessible from the engine room.

3. Facilities shall be available on board to prevent the intrusion of mosquitoes in the rooms and spaces that providing access to the open deck, if it concerns a ship that regularly calls at ports where mosquitoes are usually present.

4. The required necessities referred in Guideline B3.1.10 of the Maritime Labour Convention shall be present in sufficient quantities for the seafarers on board.

The following exemptions may apply to ships < 3000 GT:

Article 3.7 (4, 5 and 6)

Article 3.7 Exemptions and derogations with respect to sleeping rooms

4. For ships of less than 3000 GT (other than passenger ships) or for special purpose ships, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations, grant exemption from the provisions of Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(a) of the Maritime Labour Convention which require that there must be an individual sleeping room for each seafarer.

5. For ships of less than 3000 GT, passenger ships or special purpose ships, the Minister may, in accordance with Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(g), grant exemption from Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(f) of the Maritime Labour Convention relating to the minimum floor area of individual sleeping rooms, if such an exemption can be provided for in individual sleeping rooms. These individual sleeping rooms shall never be smaller than 3.75 m².

6. For ships of less than 3000 GT, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations, grant exemption from the provisions of Standard A3.1, paragraph 9(m) of the Maritime Labour Convention relating to sleeping rooms adjoining individual rooms.

Article 3.9 (3)

Article 3.9 Exemptions and derogations with respect to day rooms

3. For ships of less than 3000 GT, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations, grant exemption from the provisions of Standard A3.1, paragraph 10(a) of the Maritime Labour Convention relating to the location of day rooms.

Article 3.16 (1)

Article 3.16 Exemptions with respect to offices and laundry facilities

1. For ships of less than 3000 GT, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations, grant exemption from the provisions of Standard A3.1, paragraph 15 of the Maritime Labour Convention relating to offices.

Article 3.11 (1) may apply to ships of less than 1600 GT.

Article 3.16 Exemptions with respect to offices and laundry facilities

1. For ships of less than 3000 GT, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations, grant exemption from the provisions of Standard A3.1, paragraph 15 of the Maritime Labour Convention relating to offices.

Article 3.8, (3) applies to ships of more than 400 GT but less than 1000 GT.

Article 3.8 Day rooms

3. On board ships of more than 400 GT but less than 1000 GT, separate day rooms shall be provided for:

- a. the Master and Officers;
- b. the remaining seafarers.

Article 3.8, (4) applies to ships of 1000 GT or more.

Article 3.8 Day rooms

4. On board ships of 1000 GT or more, separate day rooms shall be provided for:

- a. the Master and Officers;
- b. the Petty Officers;

Article 3.5 may apply to ships of less than 500 GT

Article 3.5 Substantially equivalent provisions for sleeping rooms on ships of less than 500 GT

1. In view of the functionality, stability or otherwise, the safety of ships of less than 500 GT, by way of derogation from Article 3.3, paragraph 1 and as substantially equivalent provisions as referred to in Article VI, paragraph 3 of the Maritime Labour Convention, sleeping rooms may be situated below the load line, provided that paragraph 2 is also complied with.

2. The sleeping rooms referred to in paragraph 1 shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. the upper side of the floor shall lie maximum 2000 mm below the load line;
- b. with respect to headroom, no exemption shall be granted from the requirements referred to in Article 3.2, paragraph 1;
- c. the sleeping room shall be continuously air conditioned to adequately prevent the formation of condensation and damp-related odours;
- d. the sleeping room shall have at least two escape routes;
- e. the watertight compartment of the sleeping room shall have a bilge alarm;
- f. the brightness of the lighting shall be adjustable so that the lack of daylight can be compensated for depending on the seafarer's needs; and
- g. the materials and colours used for wall and floor coverings shall be selected keeping in mind the need to make this a comfortable and pleasant living space.

Articles 3.2 (3), 3.7 (7), 3.11 (3), 3.16 (2) apply to ships of less than 200 GT.

Article 3.2 Exemptions for accommodation

3. For ships of less than 200 GT, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations and taking into account the size of the ship and number of persons on board, grant an exemption from Standard A3.1, paragraph 7(b) relating to the air conditioning.

Article 3.7 Exemptions and derogations with respect to sleeping rooms

7. For ships of less than 200 GT, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations and taking into account the size of the ship and number of people on board, grant exemption from the provisions of Standard A3.1, paragraphs 9(f) and 9(h) to 9(l) of the Maritime Labour Convention relating to the minimum floor area, provided that the floor area of individual sleeping rooms is at least 3 m², the floor area of sleeping rooms for more than one person is at least 2 m² per person and the floor area of sleeping rooms for Officers is at least 4 m².

Article 3.11 Exemptions and derogations with respect to sanitary facilities

3. On ships of less than 200 GT, Standard A.3.1, paragraph 11(d) of the Maritime Labour Convention relating to washbasins in sleeping rooms shall not apply.

Article 3.16 Exemptions with respect to offices and laundry facilities

2. For ships of less than 200 GT, the Minister may, after consultation with the relevant shipowners' and seafarers' organisations and taking into account the size of the ship and number of people on board, grant exemption from Standard A3.1, paragraph 13 of the Maritime Labour Convention relating to laundry facilities, if the seafarers of the ship in question have sufficient access to laundry facilities onshore.