

Order no. 1332 of 5 December 2006

Order on shipping companies' contributions to the special health insurance scheme for seafarers

The following shall be laid down pursuant to section 258 of the Danish Health Act (*sundhedsloven*), Act no. 546 of 24 June 2005:

1. Shipping companies' shall pay contributions to cover the costs incurred by the central government for the special health insurance scheme for seafarers, cf. sections 9 and 161 of the Danish Health Act (*sundhedsloven*). The shipping company's contributions shall be calculated as an average amount per seafarer engaged on a Danish ship in foreign trade on the basis of the government's actual total costs for benefits under the special health insurance scheme in the previous calendar year and the actual days of employment. For 2006 the shipping company's on-account contribution per seafarer engaged on a Danish ship in foreign trade shall amount to DKK 740.95, corresponding to DKK 2.03 per day of employment.

2.-(1) Foreign trade shall mean

- 1) Trade mainly between ports outside an area which in the North Sea is limited to the meridian 3° east and the parallel of latitude 61° north and in the Baltic Sea by the parallel of latitude 58° north.
- 2) Trade mainly between ports located within the area mentioned, and ports located outside the area mentioned.
- 3) Salvage operations which to a large extent are carried out outside the area mentioned.

(2) Inland waterways such as lakes, rivers and canals shall be included in the area mentioned in subsection (1), no. 1, if waterway was entered place from a place on the coastline located within this area.

3.-(1) The shipping company's contribution shall be calculated for each ship. The shipping company shall pay contributions for the first six months, with an on-account amount in May, and for the last six months with an on-account amount in November. Simultaneously with the on-account payment for the last six months of the year, the shipping companies shall make a final calculation of the compulsory contributions for the previous calendar year and shall pay any remaining amount or deduct any overpayments receivable.

(2) The shipping company's contribution shall be paid to the Ministry of the Interior and Health. The shipping company shall report information on the calculation of the contribution to the Ministry of the Interior and Health. The Ministry of the Interior and Health may order the individual shipping company to provide further information.

(3) The payment and report pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) shall be to a place in Denmark specified by the Ministry of the Interior and Health.

(4) There shall be a right to distrain on the amounts payable by the shipping company.

4.-(1) This Executive Order shall enter into force on 1 January 2007.

Translation: Only the Danish document has legal validity.

(2) At the same time Executive Order no. 1244 of 12 December 2003 on shipping companies' contributions to health insurance of seafarers shall be repealed.

The Ministry of the Interior and Health, 5 December 2006

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