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Order no. 442 of 7 June 2005 issued by the Danish Maritime Authority

Order on the issuance of call signs and identification numbers for ships as well as on SRC radio tests

In pursuance of section 42(1) and (2), cf. section 29(1), second sentence, section 29(2) and (3) and section 30 of the Act on Radio Frequencies, cf. Consolidated Act no. 680 of 23 June 2004, as well as by authority granted by Order no. 1259 of 9 December 2004 on the transfer of certain powers to the Danish Maritime Authority, the following provisions are laid down:

Application

Section 1. This Order lays down regulations on:

- 1) The issuance and revocation of call signs and identification numbers;
- 2) SRC radio tests and issuance of SRC certificates;
- 3) The collection of fees.

Call signs and identification numbers

Section 2. The Danish Maritime Authority shall issue call signs and identification numbers (MMSI) upon application for use in connection with frequency use in maritime radio equipment on ships registered in Denmark.

Subsection 2. The call sign and identification number issued shall be registered on a Ship Station Licence issued by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Subsection 3. Information about call signs, frequencies, addresses, telephone numbers, etc. shall be recorded by the Danish Maritime Authority and reported to the coastal radio station Lyngby Radio, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (applies only for ships on the Ship Registry) and relevant rescue authorities.

Section 3. The Danish Maritime Authority may revoke a call sign or identification number issued under section 2 if the holder does not pay the fees due, cf. section 7, or if a certificate is revoked by the Danish Maritime Authority in pursuance of section 5(2), or if the certificate can no longer form the basis of the use of radio frequencies pursuant to section 6(3).

SRC radio tests and certificates

Section 4. After the completion of a test, the Danish Maritime Authority shall issue a SRC radio certificate for operation of maritime VHF radio systems (Short Range Certificate) in accordance with the ERC recommendation 31-04 from the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT).

Subsection 2. Tests shall be held by the Danish Maritime Authority or by schools, courses or persons approved for this purpose by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Subsection 3. The contents of the tests and the test requirements are evident from annex 1.

Subsection 4. The tests shall have the form of written tests.

Subsection 5. In special cases, where it would, due to a disability, be impossible or very difficult for the person in question to sit for a general written test, the Danish Maritime Authority may assist by reading the questions aloud and filling in the reply form to the extent that it may be considered reasonable by the Danish Maritime Authority in consideration of the purpose of the test.

Section 5. If there is reason to believe that the holder of a valid certificate no longer has the skills required at the original test, the Danish Maritime Authority may request the holder to sit for a new test.

Subsection 2. If the holder of a certificate does not show up or does not pass a new test, cf. subsection 1, the Danish Maritime Authority shall revoke the certificate.

Section 6. Foreign certificates issued in accordance with ERC recommendation 31-04 from the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT) on certificates for operation of maritime VHF radio systems (SRC), shall be considered equal to certificates issued under section 4(1) if they have been endorsed to the effect that have been issued in accordance with CEPT/ERC recommendation 31-04.

Subsection 2. Anyone holding a foreign certificate, cf. subsection 1, and who the Danish Maritime Authority has reason to believe no longer has the necessary skills for this shall sit for a new test.

Subsection 3. If the holder of a certificate as stipulated in subsection 1 does not pass a new test, cf. subsection 2, the foreign certificate shall no longer be considered equal to certificates issued under section 4(1).

Subsection 4. Anyone passing a new test, cf. subsection 2, may be issued with a Danish SRC certificate, cf. section 4(1).

Fees

Section 7. For the issuance of call signs and participation in radio tests to acquire a SRC certificate as well as copies of certificates, the Danish Maritime Authority shall collect fees determined by the Danish Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Entry into force, etc.

Section 8. This Order shall enter into force on 15 June 2005.

Subsection 2. Valid call signs and identification numbers issued by the National IT and Telecom Agency before 1 January 2005 shall remain valid unless revoked by the Danish Maritime Authority.

Subsection 3. SRC certificates that have been acquired and tests that have been passed in accordance with the regulation in force until now shall remain valid, cf. however section 5(2).

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Test to acquire SRC certificate for maritime radio services, cf. section 4

The Danish Maritime Authority shall arrange tests for acquiring SRC certificates.

1. Test requirement

47 questions shall be posed. The distribution of questions as well as the requirements for passing the test shall be as stipulated below. Parts A and B of the test shall be passed to acquire a SRC certificate.

1.1. Part A. Situations of emergency, haste and safety

Part A shall contain 12 questions in relation to, among other things, the use of VHF radio systems and 7 questions about DSC systems in situations of emergency, haste and safety.

At least ten of the 12 VHF questions shall be answered right and at least six of the remaining seven DSC questions shall be answered right for the test participant to have passed the test.

1.2. Part B. Equipment and systems

Part B shall contain 20 questions about the use of VHF radio systems and DSC systems and eight questions intended to shed light on the test participant's knowledge of EPIRB, SART, NAVTEX and of the structure of the GMDSS system.

At least 15 of the 20 general VHF questions shall be answered right and at least five of the remaining eight questions on, among other things, EPIRB, SART and NAVTEX shall be answered right for the test participant to have passed the test.

2. Curriculum

A detailed overview of the curriculum may be acquired from the Danish Maritime Authority. In accordance with the overview of the curriculum drawn up by the Danish Maritime Authority, questions may be asked within the following fields:

- 1) Elementary principles for VHF radio systems.
- 2) Description of the adjustment and practical function of VHF radio systems, including DSC systems.
- 3) Practical function and testing of:
 - a) Emergency position indicating radiobeacons (EPIRBs);
 - b) Search and rescue transponders (SARTs); and
 - c) NAVTEX receivers.
- 4) Correct use of VHF radio systems, including DSC systems, including the dispatch of:
 - a) Emergency, haste and safety reports; and
 - b) Radio conversations.
- 5) Regulations and instructions concerning communication as stipulated under item 4 and especially the part of these provisions concerning the safety of human beings.
- 6) Elementary principles of GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System).