

NEW FAROESE NOTICE REGARDING MEDICINE CHEST AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ON BOARD FAROESE FLAGGED SHIPS

Since 1st January this year new requirements have been in force by a Notice from the Faroese Maritime Authority regarding the medicine chest and medical assistance. The regulation applies to all FAS ships.

Depending on the size of the ship, its operation and the number of personnel on board, ships are now required to have medicine chest A, B or C on board along with the relevant medical guidelines and Radio Medical Record from DMA. Furthermore, the Notice contains regulation with respect to responsibility for the content of the medicine chests, its safe-keeping and how the ordering and delivery shall be done.

Faroese ships operated outside Faroese waters, i.e. the FAS fleet and deep-sea trawlers with Medical Chest A on board, shall turn to Radio Medical Denmark for medical aid. Other Faroese ships shall contact their Faroese local private practitioners for medical aid.

The shipowner/management company shall ensure that the master and the medical officer on board have completed an authorised training course. This training shall be renewed at intervals no larger than 5 years.

As soon as possible, and no later than 1st January 2014, Faroese ships that are encompassed by this Notice shall ensure that the correct Medical Chest is set on board. Likewise, it must be ascertained that the master and the medical officer have passed the training course for undertaking the responsibility of the medical chest and medical assistance on board ships. A breach of this regulation may be punished by a fine or up to one year imprisonment.

Shipowners/management companies, master and medical officers are requested to ensure that the medicine chest and the related training is in compliance with the new regulations. For further information, please refer to the Faroese regulations on the link ***Regluportalurin*** in our home pages.

Should you require further information you are welcome to contact the Faroese Maritime Authority.

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