

17. The fees for issuing a certificate referred to under regulation 13 shall be — Fees.

- (a) for a Bahamian ship \$150;
- (b) for a foreign ship \$300.

18. The competent authority may provide guidance on the Wrecks Convention. Guidance on Wrecks Convention.

**MERCHANT SHIPPING (REGISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT COMMERCIAL SHIPS) REGULATIONS**

*S.I. 10/1985*

(SECTION 286 (2))

*[Commencement 28th February, 1985]*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Registration of Government Commercial Ships) Regulations. Citation.

2. In these Regulations — Interpretation.

“authorised officer” means the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry responsible for Maritime Affairs;

“Government commercial ship” means any ship other than a ship of The Bahamas Defence Force which —

- (a) is held by any person on behalf of or for the benefit of the Government;
- (b) is involved in a commercial undertaking in the service of the Government.

3. (1) A Government commercial ship shall on application be registered as a Bahamian ship under the Act. Registration of Government Commercial Ships.

(2) An application for the registration of a Government commercial ship as a Bahamian ship shall —

- (a) be made by the authorised officer;
- (b) contain a statement of the following particulars —
  - (i) the name and description of the ship;
  - (ii) the time when and the place where the ship was built or if the ship was foreign built a statement to that effect;

- (iii) the nature of the title to the ship, whether by original construction by or for the Government or by purchase, capture, condemnation or otherwise, and where the ship was not originally constructed for the Government, a list of the documents of title;
- (iv) the name of the master.

Particulars to be entered on register.

4. The registrar, on receiving an application for registration of a Government commercial ship shall enter into his register the following —

- (a) the name of the ship as belonging to the Government or as held by any person on behalf of or for the benefit of the Government;
- (b) the official number of the ship;
- (c) the particulars stated in the application for registration;
- (d) the particulars stated in the surveyor's certificate, and retain in his possession the application for registry, any documents of title therein referred to and the surveyor's certificate.

Government commercial ship managing owner to be registered.

5. The person to whom the management of a registered Government commercial ship is entrusted by the Government shall be registered in accordance with section 51 of the Act.

Transfer of registered Government commercial ship.

6. Upon the transfer of a bill of sale of a registered Government commercial ship —

- (a) the Government shall be the transferor;
- (b) the bill of sale shall —
  - (i) be in the Form (h)-2 of the 2nd Schedule to the Merchant Shipping Regulations with the omission of the covenant prescribed in that form;
  - (ii) be signed by the authorised officer on behalf of the transferor.

S.I. 133/1976.

Application of Act to Government commercial ships.

7. The Merchant Shipping Act, except for sections 1, 4, 5, 11–14 inclusive and 18 shall apply to Government commercial ships.

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