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AMENDMENTS⁽¹⁾

TO THE ANNEX TO THE CONVENTION ON FACILITATION OF INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRAFFIC, 1965⁽²⁾, ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS ON 10 NOVEMBER 1977

Insert in SECTION 1—DEFINITIONS AND GENERAL PROVISIONS, Sub-Section A. **Definitions**, the following new definition after the definition of “Mail”:

Passenger in transit. A passenger who arrives by ship from a foreign country for the purpose of continuing his journey by ship or some other means of transport to a foreign country.

and the following new definition after the definition of “Ship’s stores”:

Shore leave. Permission for a crew member to be ashore during the ship’s stay in port within such geographical or time limits, if any, as may be decided by the public authorities.

Insert in SECTION 2—ARRIVAL, STAY AND DEPARTURE OF THE SHIP, Sub-Section E. **Measures to facilitate clearance of cargo, passengers, crew and baggage**, the following :

2.12.2 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities should encourage owners and/or operators of cargo docks and warehouses to provide special storage facilities for cargo subject to high risk of theft, and to protect those areas in which cargo is to be stored, either temporarily or for long terms, prior to onward shipment or local delivery against access by unauthorized persons.

2.12.3 *Standard.* Public authorities shall, subject to compliance with their respective regulations, permit the temporary import of containers and pallets without payment of customs duties and other taxes and charges and shall facilitate their use in maritime traffic.

2.12.4 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities should provide in their regulations, referred to in Standard 2.12.3, for the acceptance of a simple declaration to the effect that containers and pallets temporarily imported will be re-exported within the time limit set by the State concerned.

2.12.5 *Recommended Practice.* Public authorities should permit containers and pallets entering the territory of a State under the provisions of Standard 2.12.3 to depart the limits of the port of arrival for clearance of imported cargo and/or loading of export cargo under simplified control procedures and with a minimum of documentation.

(1) The Amendments entered into force on 31 July 1978 in accordance with Article VII (3) of the Convention.

(2) Treaty Series No. 46 (1967), Cmnd. 3299.

Insert in SECTION 2—ARRIVAL, STAY AND DEPARTURE OF THE SHIP, Sub-Section G. **Completion of Documents**, the following additional sentence at the end of Standard 2.15 :

Documents produced by electronic and other automatic data processing techniques, in legible and understandable form, shall be accepted.

Insert in SECTION 2—ARRIVAL, STAY AND DEPARTURE OF THE SHIP, a new Sub-Section:

H. Special Measures of facilitation for ships calling at ports in order to put ashore sick or injured crew members, passengers or other persons for emergency medical treatment

2.17 *Standard.* Public authorities shall seek the co-operation of shipowners to ensure that, when ships intend to call at ports for the sole purpose of putting ashore sick or injured crew members, passengers or other persons for emergency medical treatment, the master shall give the public authorities as much notice as possible of that intention, with the fullest possible details of the sickness or injury and of the identity and status of the persons.

2.18 *Standard.* Public authorities shall by radio whenever possible, but in any case by the fastest channels available, inform the master, before the arrival of the ship, of the documentation and the procedures necessary to put the sick or injured persons ashore expeditiously and to clear the ship without delay.

2.19 *Standard.* With regard to ships calling at ports for this purpose and intending to leave again immediately, public authorities shall give priority in berthing if the state of the sick person or the sea conditions do not allow a safe disembarkation in the roads or harbour approaches.

2.20 *Standard.* With regard to ships calling at ports for this purpose and intending to leave again immediately, public authorities shall not normally require the documents mentioned in Standard 2.1 with the exception of the Maritime Declaration of Health and, if it is indispensable, the General Declaration.

2.21 *Standard.* Where public authorities require the General Declaration, this document shall not contain more information than that mentioned in Recommended Practice 2.2.2 and, wherever possible, shall contain less.

2.22 *Standard.* Where the public authorities apply control measures related to the arrival of a ship prior to sick or injured persons being put ashore, emergency medical treatment and measures for the protection of public health shall take precedence over these control measures.

2.23 *Standard.* Where guarantees or undertakings are required in respect of costs of treatment or eventual removal or repatriation of the persons concerned, emergency medical treatment shall not be withheld or delayed while these guarantees or undertakings are being obtained.

2.24 *Standard.* Emergency medical treatment and measures for the protection of public health shall take precedence over any control measures which public authorities may apply to sick or injured persons being put ashore.

Insert in SECTION 3—ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS, Sub-Section B. **Measures to facilitate clearance of cargo, passengers, crew and baggage**, the following :

3.15.2 *Recommended Practice.* For use at marine terminals and on board ships in order to facilitate and expedite international maritime traffic, public authorities should implement, or where the matter does not come within their jurisdiction, recommend to the responsible parties in their country to implement, standardized international signs and symbols developed or accepted by the Organization in co-operation with other appropriate international organizations and which, to the greatest extent practicable, are common to all modes of transport.

Insert in SECTION 3—ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS, after Recommended Practice 3.16.16, a new Sub-Section:

D. Special Measures of facilitation for passengers in transit

3.17.1 *Standard.* A passenger in transit who remains on board the ship on which he arrived and departs with it shall not normally be subjected to routine control by public authorities.

3.17.2 *Recommended Practice.* A passenger in transit should be allowed to retain his passport or other identity document.

3.17.3 *Recommended Practice.* A passenger in transit should not be required to complete a Disembarkation/Embarkation Card.

3.17.4 *Recommended Practice.* A passenger in transit who is continuing his journey from the same port in the same ship should normally be granted temporary permission to go ashore during the ship's stay in port if he so wishes.

3.17.5 *Recommended Practice.* A passenger in transit who is continuing his journey from the same port in the same ship should not be required to have a visa, except in special circumstances determined by the public authorities concerned.

3.17.6 *Recommended Practice.* A passenger in transit who is continuing his journey from the same port in the same ship should not normally be required to give a written Customs Declaration.

3.17.7 *Recommended Practice.* A passenger in transit who leaves the ship at one port and embarks in the same ship at a different port in the same country should enjoy the same facilities as a passenger who arrives and departs in the same ship at the same port.

Insert in SECTION 3—ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS, after Recommended Practice 3.17.7, a new Sub-Section:

E. Measures of facilitation for ships engaged in scientific services

3.18 *Recommended Practice.* A ship engaged in scientific services carries personnel who are necessarily engaged on the ship for such scientific purposes of the voyage. If so identified, such personnel should be granted facilities at least as favourable as those granted to the crew members of that ship.

Insert in SECTION 3—ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF PERSONS, after Recommended Practice 3.18, a new Sub-Section:

F. Further Measures of facilitation for foreigners belonging to the crews of ships engaged in international voyages—shore leave

3.19 *Standard.* Foreign crew members shall be allowed ashore by the public authorities while the ship on which they arrive is in port, provided that the formalities on arrival of the ship have been fulfilled and the public authorities have no reason to refuse permission to come ashore for reasons of public health, public safety or public order.

3.19.1 *Standard.* Crew members shall not be required to hold a visa for the purpose of shore leave.

3.19.2 *Recommended Practice.* Crew members before going on or returning from shore leave should not normally be subjected to personal checks.

3.19.3 *Standard.* Crew members shall not be required to have a special permit, e.g. a shore leave pass, for the purpose of shore leave.

3.19.4 *Recommended Practice.* If crew members are required to carry documents of identity with them when they are on shore leave, these documents should be limited to those mentioned in Standard 3.10.

Insert in SECTION 5—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS, a new Sub-Section:

F. Natural Disaster relief work

5.11 *Standard.* Public authorities shall facilitate the arrival and departure of vessels engaged in natural disaster relief work.

5.12 *Standard.* Public authorities shall to the greatest extent possible facilitate the entry and clearance of persons and cargo arriving in vessels referred to in Standard 5.11.

Upgrade the following Recommended Practices to Standards:

2.3.2

2.7.6

2.11.1

3.12

3.15.1

4.1

4.4.1

4.9

5.4.1

Insert in Recommended Practice 4.1 “ International Health Regulations ”
in place of “ International Sanitary Regulations ”.

Insert in Recommended Practice 4.2 “ Article 98 of the International
Health Regulations ” in place of “ Article 104 of the International Sanitary
Regulations ”.

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