

(Translation. Only the Faroese version has legal validity)

Executive order No. 87 from 18 June 2013 on the hygienic competences of seafarers handling of articles of food on board ships

Under the provisions in section 7 subsection 4, section 10 subsection 1 and section 24 subsection 3 in Act No. 63 from 3 July 1988 on manning of ships, as amended by Act No. 71 from 30 May 2011 the following shall be laid down:

Section 1. A person signing on a Faroese merchant vessel for a position, which involves this person's handling of articles of food, and who does not hold a certificate of competency as a ship's cook, shall be able to document competences within the following areas:

- 1) internal control, including critical items to be checked and monitoring procedures; and
- 2) general microbiology, including foodborne diseases; and
- 3) hygienic principles, including cleaning, personal hygiene and the correct handling and storage of food

Subsection 2. The competences may be acquired either as:

- 1) a part of a training programme or through a certificate training programme of at least 18 hours duration approved by Ministry of Education, Research and Culture, or
- 2) through training on board a ship of a least seven days' duration where, inter alia, e-learning may be used.

Subsection 3. The certificate training programme according to subsection 2 ends with an examination, which must be passed. Subsequently, a certificate will be issued as proof of participation.

Subsection 4. Courses completed outside the Faroe Islands shall be approved by the Faroese Maritime Authority when it is documented by the applicant that the level and contents of the course corresponds to the certificate training programme according to subsection 2(1).

Subsection 5. Training mentioned in subsection 2 (2) shall be carried out by a competent person who has completed the course mentioned in subsection 2 and which meets the conditions stipulated in section 1 subsection 1. The training shall cover both practical training and going through the subjects mentioned in section 1 subsection 1 (1)-(3). When the training is completed, the master shall verify that the person has satisfactorily completed the practical training and gone through the relevant information material.

Section 2. The master shall be responsible for the persons handling articles of food on board hold documentation of the competences mentioned in section 1.

Section 3. Violation of section 2 shall be punishable by a fine.

Subsection 2. Legal persons shall incur criminal liability according to the provisions of chapter 5 of the penal code.

Subsection 3. When determining criminal liability according to subsection 2, persons employed to carry out work on board the ship by others than the shipowner shall also be considered as being associated with the shipowner. If a document of compliance has been issued according to the International Safety Management Code, or a certificate has been issued according to the Maritime Labour Convention to another organisation or person, the master of the vessel as well as the seafarers shall be considered to be associated with the one to whom the document has been issued.

Section 4. This executive order shall enter into force 20 August 2013.

Subsection 2. By 20 August 2014 all persons handling food on board Faroese merchant ships, who do not hold a certificate of competency as ship's cook shall meet the requirements of section 1.

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