

**(Translation. Only the Faroese version has legal validity.)**

**Parliamentary Act No. 55 of 30 April 2018 on the signing on and signing off (The signing on and signing off Act)**

In accordance with the resolution of the Faroese Parliament, the Prime Minister of the Faroese Government ratifies and announces this Parliamentary Act:

**Section 1.** The signing on and signing off is carried out when a seafarer commences or leaves his service on board a Faroese vessel.

*Subsection 2.* In this Parliamentary Act, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1) Signing on and signing off: A ship's crew list is created and signed by the seafarer and the master, and the confirmation for signing on and signing off is completed and signed by the master.
- 2) Seafarers: Persons who are subject to section 1, subsection 1 in Parliamentary Act on Seafarer's condition of employment etc.

**Section 2.** When signing on, the master shall ensure that the seafarer in question complies with the current regulation, including especially the requirements of age, health and education.

*Subsection 2.* The Minister lays down further provisions on the signing on and signing off including which procedures, documents and information shall be forwarded, and on inspection of the signing on and signing off. Furthermore, the Minister may lay down further provisions on notice to the authority for the signing on and signing off when the master commences or leaves his service on a Faroese vessel.

*Subsection 3.* The Minister may lay down provisions on appropriate deviation from the provisions in section 1 and in subsection 2.

**Section 3.** The Minister may lay down provisions that written communication with the authorities on matters that are subject to this Parliamentary Act or rules issued under the provisions of this Parliamentary Act shall be reported electronically. The Minister may decide that in some cases, exemption may be given from the obligation to electronic communication.

*Subsection 2.* The Minister may lay down further provisions on electronic communication including rules on the use of certain IT systems, specific electronic formats and digital signature etc.

**Section 4.** The Minister lays down further provisions on the inspection of the signing on and signing off including which institution shall be the authority for the signing on and signing off and on the organizing of the inspection etc.

*Subsection 2.* The Minister may in consensus with the appropriate Minister lay down provisions that the authority for the signing on and signing off shall cooperate with other official authority in connection with the accomplishment of the inspection pursuant to the Parliamentary Act.

**Section 5.** The authority for the signing on and signing off may, from the shipowner or master, require all information as to the crew and ship which is necessary with regard to the inspection.

*Subsection 2.* The authority for the signing on and signing off is entitled to make investigations on all Faroese vessels which are necessary with regard to the inspection.

**Section 6.** Violation of section 1 subsection 1 and section 2 subsection 1 shall be punished by fine if not a harder penalty is condigned pursuant to the Faroese Penal Code.

*Subsection 2.* The same shall apply to anyone who does not forward the required information pursuant to section 5 subsection 1.

*Subsection 3.* Rules issued under the provisions in section 2 subsection 2 and 3 and sections 3 and 4 may be punishable by a fine.

*Subsection 4.* Companies and other legal persons shall incur criminal liability under the regulations in chapter 5 of the Faroese Penal Code.

**Section 7.** This Parliamentary Act comes into force the day after it has been promulgated. At the same time, Parliamentary Act No. 67 of 9 June 1988 on the signing on and signing off shall be repealed.

Tinganes, 30 April 2018

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Prime Minister