

(Translation. Only the Faroese version has legal validity)

Executive Order no. 92 of 11 June 2020 on ship's log books

Under the provisions in section 9 and section 49 subsection 2 in Parliamentary Act no. 165 of 21 December 2001 on Safety at Sea, as amended by Parliamentary Act no. 61 of 17 May 2013, the following shall be laid down:

Section 1. Ship's log books must be kept on board on the following ships:

- 1) Any ships, irrespective of size, engaged on international voyages.
- 2) Ships of 300 gross tonnage or more engaged on domestic voyages between ports.

Subsection 2. The requirement in subsection 1, no. 1 does not apply to fishing vessels engaged on trade in limited waters.

Section 2. The ship's log book must be kept by the master or, under the supervision of and with joint responsibility of the master, a ship's mate.

Subsection 2. The person who keeps a ship's log book is responsible for the correctness of the information.

Subsection 3. The master shall check that the ship's log book is kept accurately and as required.

Section 3. The ship's log book must be kept according to the following timetable:

- 1) In port for each day.
- 2) At sea for each watch.

Subsection 2. Incidents taking place on the individual watch may be recorded temporarily in a draft, but must be entered in the ship's log book as soon as possible after the end of the watch.

Section 4. Ships' log books must be kept properly and clearly. Once an entry has been made, it must not be erased, crossed out or otherwise made illegible. If it becomes necessary to make a correction, such correction must be added as a note.

Subsection 2. Ship's log books must be kept in Faroese, Danish or English.

Section 5. Any incident and circumstance occurring during the voyage about which knowledge may be important to shipowners, cargo owners, insurers or others having an interest in the voyage must be recorded as accurately as possible in the ship's log book. Information about any accident that may happen to the ship or cargo must be entered accurately and accompanied by an account of the reason, the specific circumstances and the measures taken. The same applies to any accident of significance affecting persons on board.

Section 6. Ship's log books may be kept in electronic form, and hand-written entries in ship's log books may be replaced in full or part by records made by electronic means.

Subsection 2. Mechanical and electronic records must be of such a nature that they cannot be changed later. Electronic entries must require the use of a personal code.

Subsection 3. Electronically stored records must be secured by a daily back-up copy.

Section 7. When a ship's log book is full or can otherwise no longer be used, the master is responsible for providing a new log book.

Subsection 2. Any ship's log book including drafts and electronic records must be stored for no less than one year after the date of the last entry. If a case is brought before the courts regarding the voyages of the ship in the period covered by the log book, the log book shall be kept until the final decision on the case.

Section 8. If the master or a ship's mate neglects to fulfil his obligations under section 1, section 2 subsection 2 or 3, sections 3-5 or section 7, he or she shall be punished by fine.

Subsection 2. Companies and other legal persons shall incur criminal liability under the regulations in chapter 5 of the Faroese Penal Code.

Section 9. The executive order enters into force 1 July 2020. At the same time bekendtgørelse nr. 170 af 16 marts 1995 for Færøerne om skibsdagbøger og bekendtgørelse nr. 242 af 26. August 1953 om skibsdagbog og maskindagbog, shall be repealed.

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