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**Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Health and Safety:
General Duties) (Amendment) Regulation 2024**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics under sections 96 and 134 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Health and Safety: General Duties) Regulation amended

The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Health and Safety: General Duties) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. C) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Section 4 amended (general duties of companies)

Section 4(2)(ea)—

Repeal

everything after “including”

Substitute

“provision of measures and all necessary appropriately-sized personal protective equipment to reduce and prevent—

- (i) the risk of exposure to harmful levels of ambient factors and chemicals; and

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- (ii) the risk of injury and disease that may arise from the use of machinery and equipment on board the ship; and”.

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Secretary for Transport and
Logistics

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Explanatory Note

The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (*Convention*) sets out a comprehensive set of global standards for the working and living conditions for seafarers and seeks to protect their welfare. Amendments to the Convention were approved by the General Conference of the International Labour Organization on 6 June 2022 (*2022 Amendments*).

2. The Convention, as revised by the 2022 Amendments, further requires the provision of all necessary appropriately-sized personal protective equipment to prevent occupational accidents, injuries and diseases on board a ship. This Regulation amends section 4 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Health and Safety: General Duties) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. C) to provide for the requirement and make a related amendment.