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THE SHIPPING (PILOT LADDERS) RULES 1968

ARTHUR PORRITT, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 6th day of May 1968

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Shipping and Seamen Act 1952, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following rules.

RULES

1. Title and commencement—(1) These rules may be cited as the Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules 1968.

(2) These rules shall come into force on the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Application of rules—These rules apply to—

(a) New Zealand ships:

(b) Other ships while they are within any port in New Zealand:

Provided that these rules shall not apply to a ship by reason of her being within a port in New Zealand if she would not have been in any such port but for stress of weather or any other circumstance that neither the master nor the owner nor the charterer (if any) of the ship could have prevented or forestalled.

3. Classification of ships—For the purposes of these rules the ships to which these rules apply shall be arranged in the same classes in which ships are arranged for the purposes of the Shipping Lifesaving Appliances Rules 1968*, and any references in these rules to a ship of any specified class shall be construed accordingly.

4. Provision of pilot ladders—(1) Every ship of any of the Classes I, II, II(A), VII, VII(A), VIII, and VIII(A) shall be provided with a pilot ladder which shall comply with the following requirements of this rule. Ships of any of the Classes III to VI (inclusive) and IX to XII (inclusive) shall not be required to be provided with pilot ladders.

(2) The ladder shall be secured in a position clear of any possible discharges from the ship and so that each step rests firmly against the ship's side and so that the pilot can gain safe and convenient access to the ship after climbing not less than 5 ft and not more than 30 ft.

(3) A single length of ladder shall be used capable of reaching sea level in all normal conditions of trim of the ship.

(4) Whenever the distance from sea level to the point of access to the ship is more than 30 ft, access from the pilot ladder to the ship shall be by means of an accommodation ladder or other equally safe and convenient means.

(5) The ladder shall have treads not less than 19 in. long, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. wide, and 1 in. in depth. They shall be secured in such a manner as will provide a ladder of adequate strength whose treads are maintained in a horizontal position, and the treads shall not be less than 12 in. nor more than 15 in. apart.

(6) Wooden spreaders shall be fitted at such intervals as will prevent the ladder from twisting.

(7) Means shall be provided to enable the ladder to be used on each side of the ship and to enable the pilot to pass safely from the head of the ladder to the deck of the ship.

(8) A man-rope of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ in. in circumference shall be provided on each side of the ladder, and the inboard end of the man-rope shall be firmly secured to the ship.

(9) A light shall be provided during the hours of darkness which will shine alongside the ship so as to illuminate effectively the ladder overside and the position where the pilot boards the ship.

5. Exemptions—The Minister may exempt any ship of Class II(A) or Class VIII(A) from the requirements of these rules.

6. Revocation—The Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules 1954* are hereby revoked.

P. J. BROOKS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

*S.R. 1954/172

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the rules, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These rules (which replace the Shipping (Pilot Ladders) Rules 1954) arrange ships into classes, the classification being uniform with that in the Shipping Lifesaving Appliances Rules 1968. The rules require the provision of pilot ladders in ships of certain classes, and include such requirements as are necessary to implement the provisions of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea 1960 relating to pilot ladders.

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These rules are administered in the Marine Department.