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**Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certification and
Watchkeeping) (Amendment) Regulation 2019**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under sections 72,
73, 96 and 134 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap.
478))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 31 May 2019.

**2. Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certification and Watchkeeping)
Regulation amended**

The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certification and
Watchkeeping) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. T) is amended as
set out in section 3.

3. Section 8 amended (certificates)

(1) Section 8(5)(f)—

Repeal

“and”.

(2) Section 8(5)(g)—

Repeal

“AG).”

Substitute

“AG);”.

(3) After section 8(5)(g)—

Add

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Section 3

- “(h) the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships Using Low-flashpoint Fuels) Regulation; and
- (i) the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships Operating in Polar Waters) Regulation.”.

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Explanatory Note

To implement the requirements of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as from time to time revised or amended (*Convention*), in respect of training for seafarers on board ships using low-flashpoint fuels, the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships Using Low-flashpoint Fuels) Regulation (*Fuels Regulation*) is made under the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478) (*Ordinance*).

2. To implement Chapter 12 of Part I-A of the International Code for Ships Operating in Polar Waters, and the relevant amendments to the Convention and the Seafarers' Training, Certification and Watchkeeping Code, the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships Operating in Polar Waters) Regulation (*Polar Regulation*) is made under the Ordinance.
3. Two types of certificate of proficiency are introduced under the Fuels Regulation and the Polar Regulation respectively. This Regulation amends section 8(5) of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Certification and Watchkeeping) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. T) to require a certificate issued under the Fuels Regulation or the Polar Regulation (or treated as equivalent to such a certificate) be kept in its original form on board the ship on which the holder is serving.