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PORT LIMIT SPECIAL GRADE MANNING LICENCE TO BE ISSUED TO NON-SINGAPOREAN DECK AND ENGINE OFFICERS TO OPERATE 'PURE' HARBOUR CRAFT

1 With effect from 16 March 98, MPA shall issue the Port Limit Special Grade Manning Licence, to operate a 'pure' harbour craft (craft that are not flagged and permitted to operate only within port limits), to foreign certificated officers. The dependency ratio for the harbour craft owner/operator shall be four local certificated officers to one foreign certificated officer.

2 To obtain MPA's endorsement on the 'In-principle Approval' (IPA) application form issued by the Ministry of Labour (MOL), the owner / operator shall submit the following original documents to OSDC at least two working days in advance.

- (a) The documents in relation to the foreign certificated officer:
 - (i) Passport;
 - (ii) Certificate of Competency (COC); and
 - (iii) Shipping Division's endorsement of the COC.

- (b) The documents in relation to the 'pure' harbour craft and the four local (Singaporeans or Permanent Residents) certificated officers, employed by the owner or operator:
 - (i) Harbour craft licence (Craft the foreigner is engaged to operate); and
 - (ii) Proof of CPF statement for the four local certificated officers for the past one year.

3 The officer-in-charge at OSDC shall upon verification of the above documents endorse the IPA.

4 To apply for the Port Limit Special Grade Manning Licence the owner / operator shall on approval of the IPA by MOL, submit the documents listed in para 2 together with two passport size photographs and Harbour craft master's course certificate and other relevant course certificate (i.e., Oil spill course for 'ST' tugs, Fire Fighting course for 'SB' tanker), to OSDC.

5 The manning licence issued shall permit the foreign certificated officer to operate the 'pure' harbour craft that is stated in the manning licence and shall be valid till expiry of the IPA / Work Permit. Temporary transfer of foreign certificated officers shall be permitted between 'pure' harbour craft under the same ownership or management. The owner / operator shall comply with the Port Marine Circular no. 45 of 1997.

6 In addition to the above, the owner / operator shall be required to comply with the following measures :

- (a) The owner / operator shall replace with other local certificated officers within one month, if any of the four local certificated officers mentioned para 2 (b) (ii) leaves his employment. The foreign certificated officer's manning licence will be withdrawn if this is not complied with.
- (b) The owner / operator shall provide proof of CPF contribution for the past one year for the 4 local certificated officers, under his employment at any time when requested by the Port Master, during the validity period of the foreigner's Port Limit Special Grade Manning Licence.
- (c) The owner / operator shall provide a list of all 'pure' harbour craft under his ownership/management, and all the local certificated officers under his employment for the past one year, when requested by the Port Master.

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