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SHIPBOARD DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE POLICY (Circular NMC6.2018 (rev0))

PURPOSE: Provide ship owners/managers/operators with the requirements for a Shipboard Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy to be implemented on board Niue flagged vessels.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

1. Niue Merchant Shipping Act 2012
2. International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW Convention)
3. ILO publication "Drug and Alcohol Prevention Programmes in the Maritime Industry (A Manual for Planners) (revised)", published 2001

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A. BACKGROUND

In accordance with the STCW Convention, drug and alcohol abuse directly affects the fitness and ability of a seafarer to perform watch-keeping duties or duties that involve designated safety, security and prevention of pollution duties. Seafarers found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol should not be permitted to perform the above-mentioned duties until they are no longer impaired in their ability to perform those duties.

B. REQUIREMENTS

For the purpose of preventing alcohol abuse, seafarers shall comply with the following requirements:

- .1 Maximum limit of 0.05% blood alcohol level (BAC) or 0.25 mg/l alcohol in the breath during watch-keeping duties including designated safety, security and prevention of pollution duties; and
- .2 prohibition of consumption of alcohol within 4 hours prior to serving as a member of a watch.

It shall be ensured that adequate measures are taken to prevent alcohol and drugs from impairing the ability of watch-keeping personnel, and there shall be a Shipboard Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy implemented on board and included in the Company's quality-management system (ISM Code).

Those involved in establishing drug and alcohol prevention programs should take into account the guidance contained in the ILO publication "Drug and Alcohol Prevention Programmes in the Maritime Industry (A Manual for Planners) (revised)" of which Appendix 2 of the Manual includes the "ILO/WHO Guiding Principles on Drug and Alcohol Testing Procedures for Worldwide Application in the Maritime Industry".

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