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Guidelines on Watchkeeping Procedures

TO: Recognised Organisations, Shipowners (Company), Managers, Masters, Seafarers, SMSR partners, SMSR brokers, Surveyors, and the general public.



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1. Responsibilities of the Master

- a) The Master shall ensure that a safe continuous watch or watches appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions are maintained on board the ship at all times.
- b) The Master shall ensure that watchkeeping arrangements are adequate for maintaining a safe watch, taking into account the prevailing circumstances and conditions.
- c) The Master shall also take account of the danger posed by fatigue of seafarers, especially those whose duties involve the safe and secure operation of a ship.

2. Maintaining an appropriate and effective watch

Seafarers who are assigned duty as officer in charge of a watch or as a rating forming part of a watch and those whose duties involve designated safety, prevention of pollution, and security duties shall be provided with a rest period, as per section A-VIII/1 of the [STCW code](#) and [SMPL – 2022-MLC-007](#).

Officers in charge of a navigational watch are responsible for navigating the ship safely during their periods of duty, when they shall be physically present on the navigating bridge or in a directly associated location, such as the chartroom or bridge control room at all times.

Radio operators are responsible for maintaining a continuous radio watch on appropriate frequencies during their periods of duty.

Officers in charge of an engineering watch, as defined in the [STCW Code](#), under the direction of the chief engineer officer, shall be immediately available and on call to attend the machinery spaces and, when required, shall be physically present in the machinery space during their periods of responsibility.

An appropriate and effective watch or watches are always maintained for the purpose of safety, while the ship is at anchor or moored.

If the ship is carrying hazardous cargo, the organization of such watch or watches takes full account of the nature, quantity, packing, and stowage of the hazardous cargo and of any special conditions prevailing on board, afloat or ashore.

For further information, please contact the Administration at stcw@smsr.sm.