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1 Title and Commencement

- (1) These Rules may be cited as the Maritime (MCI QMSM) Rules.
- (2) These Rules will come into force on the day after notice of their making is given in the Gazette.

2 Interpretation – In these rules, -

“Act” means the Maritime Transport Act 2008;

“Administration” for the purposes of Flag State matters means the Administrator appointed under the Ship Registration Act 2007 for the time being and for the purposes of Port and Coastal State matters means the Ministry of Transport or such other entity of the Cook Islands Government that has competency;

“MCI QMSM” means the Maritime Cook Islands Quality Management Systems Manual, developed under the ISO 9001:2008 standard, as amended from time to time;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Ships appointed under section 11 of the Ship Registration Act, 2007;

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Ministry of Transport of the Cook Islands.



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“Vessel” means any vessel registered pursuant to the Ship Registration Act, 2007 to which the MCI Quality Management System Manual applies.

- 3 Purpose – The purpose of these Rules is to prescribe the requirements, standards and application procedure for each maritime document, and the maximum period for which each document may be issued or recognised, as the case may be, as required by Section 17 (2) of the Maritime Transport Act, 2008.

 - 4 MCI QMSM incorporated by reference – The MCI QMSM is incorporated into and forms part of these Rules.

 - 5 Application – These Rules shall apply to a vessel and the vessels owner and master to the extent that the MCI QMSM applies to that vessel, the owner or the master.

 - 6 Requirements, Standards and Procedures – The requirements, standards and application procedures for each Maritime Document and the maximum period for which each document may be issued or recognised as the case may be are set out in the MCI QMSM. Applicants are required to comply with the requirements, standards and application procedures set out in the MCI QMSM.

 - 7 Amendments to MCI QMSM
 - (1) Amendments to the MCI QMSM must be approved by the Secretary;
 - (2) Amendments to the MCI QMSM are incorporated into these Rules on the day that they are approved by the Secretary.
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