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**Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships' Doctors)  
Regulation (Repeal) Regulation**

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

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation comes into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Transport and Housing by notice published in the Gazette.

**2. Repeal**

The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships' Doctors) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. H) is repealed.

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Secretary for Transport and  
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### Explanatory Note

The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (*Convention*) was adopted by the International Labour Conference of the International Labour Organization in 2006. It sets out a comprehensive set of global standards for the working and living conditions of seafarers on seagoing ships and seeks to protect the right of seafarers to decent employment. The Convention will apply to Hong Kong after China has ratified the Convention and extended it to Hong Kong.

2. Most of the requirements under the Convention, including those relating to the carriage of ships' doctors on ships, will be implemented by the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions) Regulation (*new Regulation*). This Regulation repeals the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Ships' Doctors) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. H) in view of the making of the new Regulation.