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**Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Navigational Watch
Ratings) Regulation (Repeal) Regulation**

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Housing under sections 72, 73
and 134 of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Ordinance (Cap. 478))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 1 January 2017.

2. Repeal

The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Navigational Watch
Ratings) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. W) is repealed.

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Explanatory Note

The International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 (*Convention*) sets out a comprehensive set of global standards on the training and certification of seafarers and watchkeeping, in order to promote the safety of life and property at sea and the protection of the marine environment. The latest substantial amendments to the Convention were adopted by the International Conference on Training and Certification of Seafarers in Manila, the Philippines in 2010 (*Manila Amendments*) and are to be implemented by 1 January 2017. The Convention as revised by the Manila Amendments applies to Hong Kong.

2. The requirements relating to navigational watch under the Manila Amendments will be implemented by the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Navigational Watch) Regulation (*new Regulation*). This Regulation repeals the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Navigational Watch Ratings) Regulation (Cap. 478 sub. leg. W) in view of the making of the new Regulation.