

Guideline B4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention

Guideline B4.3.1 – Provisions on occupational accidents, injuries and diseases

1. The provisions required under Standard A4.3 should take into account the ILO code of practice entitled *Accident prevention on board ship at sea and in port*, 1996, and subsequent versions and other related ILO and other international standards and guidelines and codes of practice regarding occupational safety and health protection, including any exposure levels that they may identify.

2. The competent authority should ensure that the national guidelines for the management of occupational safety and health address the following matters, in particular:

- (a) general and basic provisions;
- (b) structural features of the ship, including means of access and asbestos-related risks;
- (c) machinery;
- (d) the effects of the extremely low or high temperature of any surfaces with which seafarers may be in contact;
- (e) the effects of noise in the workplace and in shipboard accommodation;
- (f) the effects of vibration in the workplace and in shipboard accommodation;
- (g) the effects of ambient factors, other than those referred to in subparagraphs (e) and (f), in the workplace and in shipboard accommodation, including tobacco smoke;
- (h) special safety measures on and below deck;
- (i) loading and unloading equipment;
- (j) fire prevention and fire-fighting;
- (k) anchors, chains and lines;
- (l) dangerous cargo and ballast;