

(5) Radiotelephone operators' certificates already issued to operators in conformity with the conditions fixed by the General Regulations of Washington (1927) remain in force and are regarded as radiotelephone operators' general certificates.

## F. Service Qualifications

8. (1) Before becoming chief operator of a ship station of the first category (Article 23, section 3), a first class operator must have had at least one year's experience as operator on board ship or in a coast station.

(2) To become chief operator of a ship station of the second category (Article 23, section 3), a first class operator must have had at least six months' experience as operator on board ship or in a coast station.

(3) (a) Operators holding a second class certificate are authorized to embark as chief operators in ships of the third category (Article 23, section 3).

(b) After proving six months' service on board ship, they may embark as chief operators in ships of the second category.

(4) The Government which issues a certificate may, before authorizing an operator to carry out the service on board an aircraft, require the operator to fulfil other conditions (for example: to complete a certain number of flying hours in the air mobile service, etc.).

## ARTICLE 11

### Authority of the Master

1. The radioelectric service of a mobile station is placed under the supreme authority of the master or of the person responsible for the ship, aircraft, or other vehicle carrying the mobile station.

2. The master or the person responsible, and all persons who are in a position to have knowledge of the text or merely of the existence of the radiotelegrams, or of any information whatever obtained by means of the radioelectric service, are placed under the obligation of observing and ensuring the secrecy of correspondence.

## ARTICLE 12

### Inspection of Stations

1. (1) The Governments or competent administrations of the countries where a mobile station calls may require the production of the licence. The operator of the mobile station, or the person responsible for the station, must facilitate this examination. The licence must be kept in such a way that it can be produced without delay.