

VMS Section 2.0 Medical

2.11 Smoking Onboard

This section details Company requirements and procedures to ensure:

- provision and maintenance of a reasonable tobacco smoke-free environment to reduce the risks to health for persons onboard
- implementation of effective safety precautions for minimization of fire risk onboard

2.11.1 Responsibilities

Staff Captain

Responsible for the “Smoking onboard procedure” in conjunction with the other Heads of Departments and the Doctor

Heads of Departments

Responsible for the “Smoking onboard procedure” in conjunction with the Staff Captain

Oversee that smoking regulations onboard are observed by all persons within the area of their responsibility

2.11.2 References

MLC2006, 4.3 Health and safety protection and accident protection (and its Guideline B4.3.1)

ISM Code Ch. 1.2.2.2 and Ch.2

Loi Évin - LOI no 91-32 du 10 janvier 1991 relative à la lutte contre le tabagisme et l'alcoolisme et Circulaire du 24 novembre 2006 concernant la lutte contre le tabagisme

Code du travail, et notamment ses articles L. 611-1 et L. 236-1 et suivants

Code de la santé publique, et notamment son article L. 3512-4.

Décret n° 2006-1386 du 15 novembre 2006 fixant les conditions d'application de l'interdiction de fumer dans les lieux affectés à un usage collectif

2.11.3 Smoking onboard

Smoking onboard procedure

The Staff Captain does the procedure in conjunction with the other Departmental Heads and the Doctor:

- 1) Endeavour to protect crewmembers against the effects of unwanted exposure to tobacco smoke which is a specific risk factor to health
- 2) Designate smoking areas for the crew and visitors:
 - a) identify clearly smoking areas with appropriate signs

b) allow smoking only in the designated areas

Note: If e-cigarettes are allowed onboard, they can be used only in the designated smoking areas and per the other smoking limitations due to the risk of:

- fire when placed on a surface
- explosion during charging

c) prohibit smoking in following areas:

- crew cabins
- alleyways and corridors
- Bridge and Engine Control Room
- all galleys, provision stores and food preparation areas
- all storerooms including linen lockers and laundry rooms
- other work areas

Note: As per French National Legislation Smoking Policy on the workplace, all working areas onboard shall be designated as non-smoking areas

- outside the accommodation boundaries when hazardous operations (i.e. bunkering) take place
- if local port/ terminal facilities regulation ban smoking
- any additional part of the vessel that the Master deem necessary to maintain safety and hygiene

3) If the Owner/Operator wish to designate specific areas for passengers to smoke:

Note: The vessel's Owner/Operator may declare certain ships as entirely smoke-free for passengers or with smoke free passenger public areas

a) assess the fire risk for these areas

Caution: Do not allow smoking near areas where fire risk has been identified

b) identify clearly smoking areas with appropriate signs

c) if certain crewmembers are assigned to work in areas where smoking is permitted or second-hand smoke may be encountered:

- request them to express their opinion without fear of any victimisation
- if they request to work in a tobacco smoke-free environment, assign them to work elsewhere

Caution: Do not force such crewmembers to work in smoking areas if they have a concern over the health risks associated with exposure to second-hand smoke

4) Specify all smoking areas onboard in a standing order for the crew