Habitability A rough guide to MLC 2006 Regulation 3.1 Accommodation and recreational facilities





Standard A3.1 - Accommodation and recreational facilities

A3.1.6 Accommodation spaces

- Adequate headroom
- Adequate insulation
- Sleeping rooms situated above the load line amidships or aft
- No direct openings into sleeping rooms from cargo and machinery spaces, galleys, storerooms, drying rooms or communal sanitary areas
- Internal bulkheads, panelling and sheeting, floors and joinings suitable for purpose and conducive to ensuring healthy environment
- Proper lighting
- Sufficient drainage
- Acceptable occupational and onboard living environment for seafarers

A3.1.7 Ventilation & heating

- Adequate ventilation
- Air conditioning
- Independent ventilation to open air for sanitary spaces
- Adequate heat

A3.1.8 Lighting

 Sleeping rooms and mess rooms lit by natural light plus adequate artificial light

A3.1.9 Sleeping accommodation

- Individual sleeping room for each seafarer
- Separate sleeping rooms for men and for women
- Adequate size and properly equipped to ensure reasonable comfort and to facilitate tidiness
- Separate berth for each seafarer
- Minimum inside dimensions of a berth
- Minimum floor areas
- Adjoining sitting room, day room or equivalent additional space for master, chief engineer and chief navigating officer
- Lockable clothes locker of ample space fitted with shelf
- Drawer or equivalent
- Table/desk
- Comfortable seating accommodation

A3.1.10 Mess Rooms

- Apart from sleeping rooms, as close as practicable to galley
- Adequate size and comfort
- Properly furnished and equipped (including ongoing facilities for refreshment)

A3.1.11 Sanitary facilities

- Convenient access
- Meeting minimum standards of health and hygiene
- Reasonable standards of comfort
- Separate facilities for men and for women
- Within easy access of the navigating bridge, machinery space or near engine room control centre
- Minimum of one toilet, one wash basin and one tub or shower or both for every six persons or less who do not have personal at a convenient location
- Washbasin, hot and cold running fresh water in each sleeping room
- Hot and cold running fresh water in all wash places

A3.1.12 Hospital accommodation

- For ships carrying 15 or more seafarers and engaged in a voyage of more than three days' duration
- Used exclusively for medical purposes

A3.1.13 Laundry facilities

• Appropriately situated and furnished laundry facilities

A3.1.14 Spaces on open deck

- For seafarers when off duty
- Of adequate area

A3.1.15 Offices

 Separate offices/common ship's office for use by deck and engine departments

A3.1.17 Recreational facilities, amenities and services

 To meet the special needs and for the benefit of all seafarers onboard

Guideline B3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities

B3.1.1 Design and construction

- External bulkheads of sleeping rooms and mess rooms - insulation
- Machinery casings, boundary bulkheads of galleys & other spaces in which heat is produced - insulation
- Protection from heat effects of steam and/or hotwater service pipes
- Sleeping rooms, mess rooms, recreation rooms & accommodation space alleyways - insulation to prevent condensation/overheating
- Bulkhead surfaces & deckheads easy clean material
- Bulkhead surfaces & deckheads construction likely to harbour vermin
- Material & construction for decks
- Non-slip surfaces
- Composite flooring

B3.1.2 Ventilation

- Control of ventilation
- Air-conditioning systems
- Availability of power

B3.1.3 Heating

- Operation
- Means of heating
- Radiators and other heating apparatus

B3.1.4 Lighting

- Provision of electric light
- Sleeping rooms electric reading lamp
- Standards of natural and artificial lighting

B3.1.5 Sleeping rooms

- Adequacy & comfort of berth arrangements
- Bathroom & toilet
- Sleeping room sharing watchkeepers.
- Sleeping room sharing petty officers
- Adjoining sitting room, day room second engineer
- Space occupied by berths & lockers, chests of drawers seats
- Small or irregularly shaped spaces
- Arrangement of berths tiers
- Arrangement of berths along ship's side
- Height of berth
- Framework & lee-board of berth approved material
- Tubular frames (of berths)
- Comfort of mattresses
- Mattress and cushioning material/stuffing
- One berth placed over another dust-proof bottom
- Furniture material
- Curtains
- Mirror, small cabinets for toilet requisites, book rack & coat hooks

B3.1.6 Mess rooms

- Mess room facilities
- Separate mess room
- Mess rooms floor area
- Tables & seats
- Refrigerator, hot beverages & cool water facilities
- Lockers for mess utensils & facilities for washing utensils
- Table tops & seats damp-resistant material

B3.1.7 Sanitary accommodation

- Washbasins and tub baths
- Toilets
- Sanitary accommodation intended for the use of more than one person
- Laundry facilities

B3.1.8 Hospital accommodation

- Design
- Arrangement of entrance, berths, lighting, ventilation, heating & water supply
- Number of hospital berths
- Sanitary accommodation

B3.1.9 Other facilities

 Separate facilities for engine department personnel to change their clothes

B3.1.10 Bedding, mess utensils and miscellaneous provisions

- Supply of clean bedding & mess utensils
- Quality of bedding
- Plates, cups and other mess utensils easily cleaned
- Supply of towels, soap & toilet paper

B3.1.11 Recreational facilities, mail and ship visit arrangements

- Review of recreational facilities and services
- Furnishings for recreational facilities
- Facilities at no cost to the seafarer
- Forwarding of seafarers' mail
- Partners, relatives & friends as visitors on board when in port
- Partners accompany seafarers on occasional voyages

B3.1.12 Prevention of noise and vibration

- Location of accommodation and recreational and catering facilities
- Acoustic insulation
- Soundproofing of centralized control rooms for engine-room personnel
- Insulation of working spaces
- Limits for noise levels for working and living spaces
- Accommodation/recreational /catering facilities exposure to excessive vibration