

BAHAMAS MARITIME AUTHORITY

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Ships' Cooks

1. Section 121(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act currently requires all Bahamian registered ships of 1000 net register tons or more to carry a certificated ship's cook and provides for exemption from this requirement where there is an inadequate supply of certificated ship's cooks.

2. It is recognised that the present supply of certificated ship's cooks is inadequate. Owners and operators of Bahamian registered ships are accordingly advised that the requirement to carry a certificated cook will be accepted as being met provided that persons engaged as ship's cooks have appropriate training and experience. Until further notice, this bulletin serves as an exemption from the requirement of section 121(1) of the Merchant Shipping Act for cooks on Bahamian ships to hold a certificate as ship's cook. Owners and managers of Bahamian registered ships are advised that it will not be necessary to obtain a certificate of exception in respect of each ship, and that a copy of this bulletin should be placed on board all ships to which this exemption applies.