



Report by Master or other person of a Birth or Death in a Foreign Ship* reported outside the UK
Merchant Shipping (Returns of Births and Deaths) Regulations 1979

Important: The Consul or other Officer abroad to whom this report is given, should forward it without delay, BY AIR, whenever possible direct to:-

Registry of shipping & Seamen
MCA Cardiff
Anchor Court
Ocean Way
Cardiff
CF24 5JW

Tel: 029 20448800
Fax: 029 20448820
E-mail rss@mcga.gov.uk

Additional particulars in respect of deceased member of the crew, if known:

Name _____

Relationship and Address of next of kin _____

Discharge book No. _____

Date _____

Place _____

Copy of entry or entries relating to death appearing in the narrative section of the Official Log Book or other official record.

Name of ship	Official Number	Port of Registry and name and address of owners

INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS & SHIPPING MASTERS

This report is intended for use only for Births & Deaths which occur in a non-UK registered ship. The Master of a foreign ship can only be required to make a Return of Birth or Death if they call at the United Kingdom (in which case a form RBD1 is used).

At ports abroad a Proper Officer may receive information that a citizen of the United Kingdom or Colonies ** has been born or has died on a foreign ship which has arrived within his district and which is not proceeding to the United Kingdom. In such cases they should endeavour to get the Master of the ship to complete this form which will form the basis of registration of the Birth or Death. It is most unlikely that a Master of a foreign ship will have a supply of these forms and the Proper Officer should therefore provide it from their own stock.

It is not essential in these cases for the report to be made by the Master of the ship but it is desirable that they should do so. If the Master is unable to complete the form then it should be completed by another reliable person having the knowledge of the facts. If all the facts are not known, as many of them as are known should be recorded herein.

The Proper Officer should be satisfied that the vessel is a sea-going ship.

* In the ship includes: in a ship's boat or ship's life-raft; being lost from a ship includes: a ship's boat or ship's life-raft.

** Citizen of the United Kingdom or Colonies under the British Nationality Act 1981 means a British Citizen, British Dependent Territories Citizen, Overseas Citizen or under the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986, a British National (Overseas).

Date and hour of the occurrence	Place of the occurrence or situation by Latitude and Longitude at sea	Date of entry	Narration

Births

Date of Birth	Place of Birth (Latitude & Longitude if at sea)	Forenames (if any) and Surname of child	Sex	Father*		Mother			Signature of Father* and/or Mother of the child
				Name, Surname & Nationality	Occupation, rank or profession & usual residence	Name, Surname & Nationality	Maiden surname and Surname at Marriage if different	Usual Residence	

***Note:** if the child is illegitimate, the particulars of the father **must not** be given unless it is at the joint request given in writing of the mother and the person acknowledging himself to be the father, in which case such person shall, as well as the mother, sign the report. The written request should be attached to this report

Deaths

Date of Death	Place of Death (Latitude & Longitude if at sea)	Name & Surname of Deceased (also maiden name of woman who has married, if known)	Sex	Date of Birth (if known) or age	Occupation, rank or profession	Usual residence at time of Death	Nationality	Cause of Death*

* Certified correct by ship's doctor or other Medical Practitioner (where possible)

Certificate to be signed by the Master, or other person making the report.

This report was made to me at the date and place shown hereunder

Signature of officer _____

Title of officer _____

Date _____

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the particulars in this report are correct and true.

Signature _____

Qualification (Master etc) _____

Date _____

Address _____

