



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
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Responsible person of a ship registered in Estonia

In accordance with the amendment to the Law of Ship Flag and Ship Registers Act that entered into force on 1 July 2020, appointment of a responsible person who complies with the requirements specified in subsection 4² (2) of the Law of Ship Flag and Ship Registers Act shall be certified to a respective registrar **by 1 January 2021** for a ship entered in the ship registry or in the register of bareboat chartered ships, if the appointment of a responsible person is required under § 4² of that Act.

A responsible person is a person who is responsible for compliance with the technical, social and administrative requirements applicable to ships in Estonia, and who complies with the requirements established for an operator within the meaning of the Maritime Safety Act.

A responsible person complies with those requirements if:

- 1) they have a valid document of compliance (DOC) specified in subsection 6 (1²) of the Maritime Safety Act, issued by the Maritime Administration, or
- 2) they submit a written confirmation regarding their compliance with the requirements if holding a DOC is not required by the International Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea of 1974.

A ship entered in the ship registry or in the register of bareboat chartered ships must have a responsible person, except for the following ships:

- 1) seagoing vessels with an overall length of up to 24 metres;
- 2) ships which perform state administrative duties;
- 3) inland vessels and non-propelled floating vessels;
- 4) ships under construction and non-propelled floating vessels under construction;
- 5) ships entered in the ship registry which have been chartered out.

Appointment of a responsible person shall be certified by a notarised power of attorney. A digitally signed power of attorney shall be deemed equal to a notarised power of attorney.

All shipowners and charterers are requested to submit their notarised powers of attorney to the relevant register by the due date indicated above.

(signed digitally)

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