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## **Act on the Register of Medical Fitness Examinations of Seafarers (25/1999)**

### **Section 1 – Purpose of the register and its data content**

- (1) A nationwide register of medical certificates issued upon medical fitness examinations of seafarers is kept by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health.
- (2) The purpose of the register is to promote the assessment and follow-up of seafarers' physical and medical fitness for service at sea, the harmonization of the work of duly qualified medical practitioners and scientific research into the health of seafarers in general.
- (3) Data entered in the register from the medical certificate include the name and other identifying and contact data of the examined person, and information about the physical and mental health, eyesight, hearing and diseases necessary for assessing the fitness for service at sea. If the person examined is under 18 years of age, information on whether service at sea will impair his/her health and development is entered in the register.

### **Section 2 – Submitting medical certificates to the register**

The physician who has performed the medical examination shall send a copy of the seafarer's medical certificate to the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health.

### **Section 3 – Delivery of information from the register**

- (1) With the consent of the seafarer, information on his/her medical history may be disclosed to the examining physician.
- (2) The Finnish Transport Safety Agency has the right to obtain any information from the register that it requires for making decisions on seafarers' fitness for service at sea. The Finnish Transport Safety Agency and the occupational health and safety authorities also have the right to obtain information from the register on matters other than the health of individual seafarers.

### **Section 4 – Maintenance of information in the register**

Information entered in the register shall be retained for ten years from the last entry made in the register.

### **Section 5 – Entry into force**

- (1) This Act enters into force on 1 March 1999.
- (2) Measures necessary for the implementation of this Act may be undertaken before the Act's entry into force.