

Notes to Shipping Regulations

Shipping Registration Regulations

The Shipping (Registration and Proprietary Interest in Ships) Regulations ensures that all Saint Lucian vessels are registered.

Fees Regulations

The Shipping Fees Regulations are revenue for services rendered.

Loadline Regulations

The Loadline Regulations sets the limitations on the draft (depth) to which a ship may be loaded. These limits are given in the form of freeboards (distance from waterline to the upper-deck), taking into consideration weather tight and watertight integrity. An **IMO Mandatory Convention** that is applicable for all vessels engaged in international trade, with the following exceptions: ships of war; ships of less than 24 metres in length; pleasure yachts not engaged in trade; fishing vessels.

Distress Signal and Collision Regulations

The Distress Signal and Collision Regulations bring into national law the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, 1972 - COLREG as it is commonly referred to. Collision avoidance by all seafarers is critical in maintaining safety of life at sea and the protection of the marine environment from pollution.

Wreck and Salvage

As the recent events involving wrecks in our waters have heightened the need to have in place a regulatory system to address such matters.

International Safety Management (ISM) Regulations - This is an **IMO Mandatory** regulation for **passenger ships** and sets conditions for the Manager/owner and captain of ships in the overall management of the vessel/s.

Tonnage Regulations

The Tonnage Regulation put into effect for Saint Lucia, the International Convention on Tonnage Measurements. It sets the standards for the computation of Gross and Net Tonnage of vessels which in many States forms the basis for the calculation of port and shipping dues worldwide.

Passenger Ferry Regulations - These are conditions and requirements for vessels plying within/between Saint Lucian Ports.

Competency of operators of Pleasure Craft - This regulation will target persons operating pleasure craft fitted with a motor operating within Saint Lucian waters.

Medical Examination Regulations - Conditions will be required for all Sea going Saint Lucian ships and foreign vessels in Saint Lucian waters

Caribbean Cargo Ship Safety Regulations - Regional Regulations apply in relation to sea-going Saint Lucia ships of less than 500 gross tonnage but above 24m in length, engaged in voyages in the Caribbean Trading Area, except passenger ships and pleasure crafts

Commercial Recreational Water Craft - Sets conditions/requirements for commercial recreational watercraft including banana boats, parasail operations and any such craft.