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**MERCHANT SHIPPING (SHIPS' MEDICAL STORES)
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**MERCHANT SHIPPING (SHIPS' MEDICAL STORES)
REGULATIONS, 2025**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 1476 of the *Merchant Shipping Act*, makes the following Regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Merchant Shipping (Ships' Medical Stores) Regulations, 2025*.

Definitions

2.(1) In these Regulations,

“Act” means the *Merchant Shipping Act, 2024* (Act 2024-28);

“Administration” means the Barbados Maritime Transport Administration;

“Category A vessel” means a sea-going or fishing vessel, with no limitation on the lengths of trips made;

“Category B vessel” means a sea-going or fishing vessel

(a) that makes trips of less than 150 nautical miles from the nearest port with adequate medical equipment; or

(b) that makes trips of less than 175 nautical miles from the nearest port that has adequate medical equipment and that remains continuously within range of helicopter rescue services;

“Category C vessel” means a harbour vessel, boat or craft that stays very close to shore or with no cabin accommodation other than a wheelhouse, and includes a lifeboat and life-raft;

“Class A” in relation to a drug or to medical stores, means a drug of that class listed in a merchant shipping notice;

“Class B” in relation to a drug or to medical stores, means a drug of that class listed in a merchant shipping notice;

“Class C” in relation to a drug or to medical stores, means a drug of that class listed in a merchant shipping notice;

“crew” in relation to a ship, means the master of the ship and all persons employed on board the ship;

“dangerous substance” means a substance listed in the *First Schedule*;

“expiry date” means the date indicated on a container after which the medical store contained in it is not to be used;

“harbour area” means a harbour in Barbados in respect of which a harbour authority has statutory powers or duties of improvement, maintenance or management;

“immediate family” in relation to an individual, means the husband or wife of the individual or the brother, sister, ancestor or lineal descendant of the individual or of the individual’s husband or wife;

“merchant shipping notice” means a notice described as such that is issued in accordance with the Act, and includes a document amending or replacing such a notice;

“medical stores” includes medicines, medical equipment and antidotes;

“pleasure vessel” means

- (a) a vessel defined as such in the *Shipping (Domestic Vessels) (Pleasure Vessels) Regulations, 2024* (S. I. 2024 No. 62); or
- (b) a vessel that is
 - (i) wholly owned by or on behalf of a members’ club formed for the purpose of sport or pleasure;
 - (ii) used only for sport or pleasure by a member of such a club or his immediate family;
 - (iii) for the use of which any charges levied are paid into club funds and applied for the general use of the club; and
 - (iv) for which no other payments are made by or on behalf of users of the vessel other than by the owner;

“seafarer” has the meaning given to it in the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, as amended;

“Ship Captain’s Medical Guide” means the publication of that name published on behalf of the Administration;

“shipowner” has the same meaning as in the Act;

“tug” means a vessel constructed solely for the purpose of, and normally used for, providing external motive power for floating objects or vessels; and

“voyage” means a journey from a port to the next port of call, or to the same port.

(2) A reference in these Regulations to the British Pharmacopoeia, the European Pharmacopoeia or the British National Formulary shall be construed as a reference to the latest edition of that publication.

(3) A reference to the United States Pharmacopoeia shall be construed as a reference to the edition that was published before the date on which these Regulations came into force, together with any amendments that are specified in a merchant shipping notice.

(4) A reference in these Regulations to any other publication includes a reference to an amendment that was published before the date on which these Regulations came into force.

Purpose

3. The purpose of these Regulations is to enhance safety in shipping by ensuring that ships are equipped with adequate medical stores in the event of illness or injury on board.

Application

4.(1) These Regulations apply to Barbados vessels other than

- (a) pleasure vessels; or
- (b) tugs operating in a harbour area.

(2) The Minister may grant an exemption from all or any of the provisions of these Regulations specified in the exemption for individual vessels or classes of vessels on such terms as he may specify and may, on giving 30 days' notice, alter or cancel such an exemption.

PART II

MEDICAL STORES ON SHIPS

Carriage of medical stores

5. Every ship shall carry on board medical stores in accordance with the *Ninth Schedule*.

Medical stores: additional requirements

6.(1) Notwithstanding regulation 5, on a passenger ship in which a qualified doctor is always employed, the medical stores carried may vary from those specified in regulation 5 in accordance with current medical practice or, where

improved medicines are available *in lieu* of those specified in the *Ninth Schedule*, may vary if the capability to deliver medical care is not in any way reduced.

(2) On a passenger ship in which a qualified doctor is always employed, the competent person specified in regulation 23 to inspect the ship's medical stores annually may be that doctor, in which case the doctor shall maintain proper records of the medical stores carried and the expiry dates of all medicines.

Ships carrying dangerous cargoes

7. In addition to the medical stores required under regulation 5, a ship carrying dangerous cargoes shall carry on board medical stores in accordance with the *First Schedule*.

Passenger vessels

8. In addition to the medical stores required under regulation 5, a passenger ship shall carry on board medical stores in accordance with the *Second Schedule*.

First aid kits

9. In addition to the medical stores required under regulation 5, a seagoing ship with a crew of more than 10 and every passenger ship shall carry on board a first aid kit in accordance with the *Third Schedule*.

Medical guides

10. The master of every vessel shall carry on board the guides to the use of medical stores listed in the *Fourth Schedule*, including instructions for the use of antidotes where specified in a merchant shipping notice.

Precautions against malaria

11. The master of every vessel voyaging in area susceptible to malaria shall provide a copy of the advice set out in the *Fifth Schedule* to all passengers and crew.

Class C medical store drugs

12. A ship shall not carry quantities of Class C medical store drugs greater than those recommended in the *Sixth Schedule*, unless required to do so by a doctor on the ship's complement or permitted under a license from the Administration.

Drug storage

13. Drugs shall be stored in a manner that ensures that they will meet the standards recommended in the *Sixth Schedule* at the time of use.

Obtaining controlled drugs

14. Controlled drugs shall be obtained only from a retail pharmacist or other person licensed to supply drugs, through the use of an order, signed by the vessel's owner or its master, or by a person authorized by him, in the form set out in the *Seventh Schedule*.

Security of controlled drugs

15.(1) Every ship shall have a lockable medical cabinet for the storage of medicines and drugs.

(2) The cabinet shall have an inner cupboard solely for the storage of controlled drugs, fitted with a door and a lock that cannot be opened by the key to the medical cabinet.

(3) Only the master or a person authorized by him may open the inner cupboard.

(4) No person shall destroy unwanted Class A or B drugs, but shall instead dispose of them only by giving them to a person who may lawfully supply them, such as a qualified pharmacist or qualified doctor, or to the police.

(5) A person disposing of drugs under paragraph (4) shall obtain a receipt from the recipient, and keep it with, or affixed to, the controlled drugs register.

Controlled drugs register

16.(1) The master of ship shall maintain, in a bound book or as a computer record, a register for controlled drugs in the form set out in the *Eighth Schedule*.

(2) The register shall detail why, when and in what quantity the master purchased controlled drugs and the history of the dispensing or disposal of those controlled drugs.

(3) The register shall be kept for 2 years after the date of the last entry.

Record of treatment

17. A record of any treatment given to a person on board a ship, including the type and quantity of any medicines and drugs supplied, shall be entered in the log book.

Medical report forms

18.(1) A ship shall use the medical report forms set out in the Ship Captain's Medical Guide for the purpose of reporting to medical authorities ashore, or use a format recognizably similar to it.

(2) The contents of medical report forms generated in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be kept confidential and shall be used only to facilitate the medical treatment of seafarers.

Medical stores standards

19. All medical stores required by these Regulations to be kept on board a vessel shall conform to the standards and requirements of the British National

Formulary, the British Pharmacopoeia, the European Pharmacopoeia or the United States Pharmacopoeia, and with the requirements and specifications of any merchant shipping notice in relation to such a vessel.

Container packaging and labelling

20.(1) A container of medical stores required by regulation 5 to be kept on board a ship

- (a) shall have on it a label in English indicating the particulars specified in paragraph (3);
- (b) in the case of a container of tablets or capsules, shall be capable of re-closure to prevent the ingress of moisture;
- (c) in the case of a container of disinfectant, shall not show a deleterious reaction with the disinfectant after storage in normal conditions for 6 months;
- (d) in the case of a container of insecticide, shall be air-tight, water-tight, packed in a suitable and sturdy case and, if the container is a pressure canister, have a cap or other means of protecting the valve against accidental opening when the canister is not in use; and
- (e) in the case of medicine or disinfectant not in the container supplied by its manufacturer, shall be packed in a sturdy, brown-coloured or non-translucent container.

(2) A label referred to in paragraph (1)(a) shall be firmly affixed to the container and rendered resistant to moisture by varnish or another effective means, or be an integral part of the container.

(3) The following particulars shall be shown on labels referred to in paragraph (1)(a):

- (a) the ordering name by which the medical store is referred to, generally or specifically, in a merchant shipping notice;

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- (b) any storage requirements laid down in a publication referred to in regulation 19, elsewhere in these Regulations or in a merchant shipping notice;
 - (c) if the medical stores are perishable, the expiry date as defined in regulation 22;
 - (d) the name and address of the supplier of the medical stores, and the product license number and batch number;
 - (e) in the case of a container of a disinfectant or of an antiseptic prescribed, generally or specifically in a merchant shipping notice, the dilution recommended for any purpose stated on it;
 - (f) in the case of a container of an insecticide prescribed by an environmental health practitioner, or prescribed in a merchant shipping notice, instructions for use and precautions to be taken;
 - (g) in the case of a container of hypochlorite, a notice indicating that the chemical may combust spontaneously and that the hypochlorite should be stored in a cool dark place; and
 - (h) any further information required, generally or specifically, in a merchant shipping notice.

Medicine storage

21.(1) A medical store required to be carried by regulation 5 shall be stored in accordance with any instructions on its container.

(2) A controlled drug shall be stored in accordance with the requirements for controlled drugs contained in the Ship Captain's Medical Guide.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), medicine referred to in paragraph (1), unless it is required to be kept in a refrigerator or in a first aid satchel or box, shall be stored

- (a) in the ship's medical cabinet, where the ship has one on board; or
- (b) otherwise, in a cool, dry, locked cabinet or locked container.

(4) Regulation 5 does not apply to any medical stores kept in a hyperbaric decompression chamber or otherwise in such a way as to not be readily accessible at all times to the master or a person authorized by him.

Replenishment of dated medicines

22.(1) Where

- (a) a vessel is required under regulation 5 to have medical stores on board; and
- (b) a label required by regulation 20(1)(a) to be borne by a container of the medical stores indicates an expiry date;

that medical store shall be replaced at the earliest possible opportunity after the expiry date.

(2) Medical stores that have passed their expiry date shall, once replacements have been obtained or after 3 months, whichever is the earlier, be disposed of in accordance with the Ship Captain's Medical Guide.

Inspections of medicines and medicine stores

23. The owner of every ship shall ensure that the medical stores are inspected by a competent person or authority at least once a year to ensure that

- (a) the ship is carrying the medical stores that she is required to carry by regulation 5;
- (b) the medical stores are correctly stored; and
- (c) any perishable medicines have been replaced in accordance with the requirements of regulation 22.

PART III

MISCELLANEOUS

Offences

24.(1) If a requirement of any of regulations 5 to 23 is contravened, the owner of the ship commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$20 000.

(2) It is a defence for a person charged with a contravention of regulation 5 to show that the deficiency was caused by medicines and medical stores being used for their proper purpose and that it has not been practicable to replace them.

(3) It is a defence for a person charged under these Regulations, including a person charged under regulation 25, to show that he took all reasonable precautions and exercised all due diligence to avoid commission of the offence.

(4) Where an offence under these Regulations is committed, or would have been committed except for the operation of paragraph (3), by a person due to the act or default of another person, the other person also commits the offence and may be charged with and convicted of the offence whether or not proceedings are taken against the first-mentioned person.

Inspection, improvement notices and detention of vessels

25.(1) A person authorized by the Minister may inspect a ship and, if he is satisfied that there is a failure to comply in relation to that ship with the requirements of regulation 5, 10, 19, 20, 21 or 22, he may issue an improvement notice or detain the vessel until such requirements are met.

(2) Where a ship may be issued an improvement notice or detained under these Regulations, sections 1060 and 1221 of the Act apply in relation to the ship as if a reference to "this Act" were read as a reference to these Regulations.

Permission for retail pharmacist to supply medicines

26. On receipt of a written requisition, a retail pharmacist may supply medicines and equipment to the master or owner of a commercial vessel without a prescription from a registered medical practitioner.

FIRST SCHEDULE*(Regulation 7)***MEDICINES TO BE CARRIED ON SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS CARGOES****General**

1. When a Barbados-registered vessel is carrying a dangerous substance in quantities in excess of those defined in Vol 1, Section 18 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code as whole or part of the cargo, the vessel's master shall ensure that the correct antidote can be found in the International Maritime Organization's Medical First Aid Guide for Ships MFAG 1994 or a later edition. Any updating of that Code shall be taken into account when preparing the list of medicines to be carried.
2. The following substances are to be taken into account, in whatever form they are carried on board, including the form of waste or cargo residues:
 - (a) explosive substances and objects;
 - (b) gases that are compressed, liquefied or dissolved under pressure;
 - (c) inflammable liquids;
 - (d) inflammable solids;
 - (e) substances liable to spontaneous combustion;
 - (f) substances that on contact with water give off inflammable gases;
 - (g) combustible substances;
 - (h) organic peroxides;
 - (i) toxic substances;

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- (j) infectious substances;
 - (k) radioactive substances;
 - (l) corrosive substances; and
 - (m) any other substances which experience has shown, or may show, to be dangerous, so that antidotes need to be carried.
3. The quantities of any medicines that need to be carried aboard should be based on an estimate of risks, taking into account such factors as number of crew, length of voyage and risk of accidental exposure.

Ferries

4. Whether or not the vessel is required to carry Class A or B stores, ferries or similar vessels whose operating arrangements do not allow sufficient forewarning of the nature of any dangerous substances that might be transported on them shall carry at least the antidotes and equipment listed below:

Antidotes:

- (a) General;
- (b) Cardio vascular;
- (c) Gastro - intestinal system;
- (d) Nervous system;
- (e) Anti-infective; and
- (f) For external use.

Equipment: for the administration of oxygen.

Where these substances are already included in the ship's medical store, separate stocks are not necessarily required. EC Directive 92/29/EEC provides that on a regular route where the crossing is due to last less than two hours, the antidotes may be limited to those that have to be administered in cases of extreme emergency within the period of time not exceeding the normal duration of crossing.

SECOND SCHEDULE*(Regulation 8)***ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PASSENGER VESSELS***Doctor's Bag*

1. A doctor's bag is required for seagoing ships where there is no qualified medical practitioner among the crew, and the vessel carries more than 12 passengers.
2. All the medicines and equipment in the table below should be kept in a doctor's bag. The bag should be locked and kept in a locked cabinet and the keys held by the Master or someone nominated by him. The doctor's bag should be clearly labelled as follows:

“The medicines in this case are only to be used by a qualified medical practitioner, qualified nurse with maritime-situational healthcare competence, qualified paramedic, or someone under the direct supervision of a medical practitioner on board the ship”.
3. Where a vessel is required to carry specific items set out in a merchant shipping notice, except where indicated otherwise, the items specified in that notice are additional to those items listed in this *Schedule*. Where an injection is specified, a prefilled syringe is acceptable.
4. The obtaining, use and disposal of morphine from the doctor's bag should be recorded in the ship's.
5. A doctor or other authorized person using the doctor's bag should be made aware that radio-medical advice may be obtained, and if necessary medical evacuation arranged, by contacting Barbados Coast Guard.

*Second Schedule - (Cont'd)***Statutory Treatments required for Doctor's Bag**

Item	Ordering Size	Quantity required
Adrenaline/Epinephrine Adrenaline tartrate injection (1 in 1,000) 1.0 mg in 1 ml	1 ml ampoule	5
Aminophylline Aminophylline injection 25 mg in 1 ml	10 ml ampoule	5
Aspirin Dispersible aspirin 300 mg	300 mg tablets	50
Atropine Atropine sulphate	600 micrograms/ml 1 ml ampoule	5
Beclomethasone Diproponate Beclomethasone diproponate + SPACER	100 micrograms/200 metered doses	1
3rd Generation Cephalosporin Cefotaxime	1g injection vial for reconstitution	4
Chlorpromazine Chlorpromazine hydrochloride injection	25 mg in 1 ml ampoule	1
Cyclizine Cyclizine lactate	Injection 50 mg in 1 ml ampoule	2
Diazepam Diazemuls injection 5 mg in 1 ml	2 ml ampoule	5

*Second Schedule - (Cont'd)***Statutory Treatments required for Doctor's Bag - (Cont'd)**

Item	Ordering Size	Quantity required
Frusemide/Furosemide Frusemide injection 10 mg in 1 ml	2 ml ampoule	5
Glucagon Glucagon injection 1 mg with diluent	1 ml pre-filled Syringe	1
Glucose Glucose intravenous infusion 5%	1 ltr	1
Glucose 50% Intravenous injection	50 ml ampoule	2
Hydrocortisone Hydrocortisone sodium succinate powder for constitution with diluent	100 mg vial	1
Insulin Insulin injection, soluble, 100 units per ml	10 ml vial	1
Modified Gelatine Infusion solution (for plasma substitution)	500 ml container	2
Morphine Morphine sulphate	10 mg/ml 1 ml ampoule	5
Normal saline 0.9%	1 ltr	2

*Second Schedule - (Cont'd)***Statutory Treatments required for Doctor's Bag - (Cont'd)**

Item	Ordering Size	Quantity required
Paediatric Paracetamol elixir	250 mg / 5 ml	1 bottle
Prednisolone	5 mg tablet	28
Salbutomal Salbutomal aerosol inhaler unit, giving 100 micrograms per metered inhalation + SPACER	200 inhalations	1
Aneroid sphygmomanometer		1
First Aid Kit		1
Glucose in blood (1) Blood test sticks – glucose colorimetric (2) Blood lancets - sterile		10 10
Guedel Airway	Size 1	1
Intravenous Infusion giving sets with Cannulae		
Intravenous infusion	(1) cannula size 16G (1.7 mm x 45 mm)	2
IV giving set with filter	(2) cannula size 18G (1.2 mm x 45 mm)	2

*Second Schedule - (Concl'd)***Statutory Treatments required for Doctor's Bag - (Concl'd)**

Item	Ordering Size	Quantity required
Manual suction pump with two yankauer suction catheters and two flexible catheters FG 14 size		1
Oxygen resuscitator (disposable) Hand-operated manual adult bag resuscitator (bag to be of silicone rubber complete with oxygen reservoir of 2600 ml capacity and face masks sizes 5, 3 and 1		1
Pocket mask	With valve and O ₂ inlet	1
Stethoscope		1
Swabs Alcohol impregnated swabs, sterile		50
Syringe and Needle, Hypodermic pack		
(1) 2 ml syringe with 0.8 mm (21G) x 4 cm needle		2
(2) 20 ml syringe with 0.8 mm (21G) x 4 cm needle		2
(3) 1 ml insulin syringe 100 units with 0.4 mm (27G) x 12 mm needle		2

THIRD SCHEDULE*(Regulation 9)**First Aid Kits*

- 1.** Seagoing ships with a crew of more than 10 shall carry first aid kits, distributed in appropriate locations on the ship, such as in the galley and engine room.
- 2.** Passenger vessels shall carry one first aid kit for every 100 passengers or fraction of that number subject to a maximum requirement for 3 kits e.g. 250 persons require three kits. A first aid kit is to be included in the Doctor's Bag.
- 3.** The first aid kit shall include the following items, kept in a portable waterproof container:
 - (a) 4 x triangular bandages;
 - (b) 6 x medium sterile bandages with non-medicated dressings;
 - (c) 2 x large sterile bandages with non-medicated dressings;
 - (d) 2 x extra large non-medicated dressings;
 - (e) 6 medium safety pins, rustless;
 - (f) 20 assorted elastic adhesive dressings medicated;
 - (g) 2 x sterile eye pads with attachment;
 - (h) 2 x packages containing sterile gauze swabs;
 - (i) 5 pairs large size disposable latex-free examination gloves; and
 - (j) sterile eye wash in eye wash bottle.

FOURTH SCHEDULE*(Regulation 10)**Medical Guides to be Carried*

Vessel Category	Publication
Category A	Controlled Drugs Register Ship Captain's Medical Guide
Category B	Ship Captain's Medical Guide
Category C	First Aid Manual (Red Cross) or First Aid Instructions (in English) on waterproof paper – life boats and life-rafts only

In addition, vessels in all categories, other than lifeboats and life-rafts, shall carry a copy of these Regulations.

FIFTH SCHEDULE*(Regulation 11)***PRECAUTIONS AGAINST MALARIA***Preventive Measures***Avoid mosquito bites**

1. Mosquitoes are most active after dusk. Cabin and working accommodation doors, windows and ventilators should be kept shut. Any mosquitoes found in compartments should be killed using “knockdown” insecticide spray. If you go on deck or ashore after dusk keep your arms, legs and feet covered and use insect repellents e.g. containing diethyltoluamide known as DEET, on any remaining exposed areas. If you have to stay ashore in non-air conditioned accommodation make sure that the beds have nets, preferably impregnated with permethrin, that they have no tears or holes and are well tucked in.

Medication

2. Anti-malarial tablet treatment varies depending on the nature and resistance of local malarial parasites. You should take the treatment strictly in accordance with the specific instructions for the medication prescribed. Most deaths occur in those who do not take the tablets for the required period or in the recommended dosages.

Warning signs

3. Anyone who develops a fever in a malarial area should obtain medical advice as soon as possible. It is important to consult a doctor immediately if any feverish illness develops within 12 months of return from a malarial area. Be sure to let the doctor know that you have been to a country where malaria is a health risk.
4. Anyone who has been treated for malaria or suspected malaria should have a medical examination at the next port of call, accompanied by a blood slide. Serious cases need urgent hospitalisation (See Ship Captain’s Medical Guide for more details).

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KEY POINTS

- Travellers to malarial areas shall avoid mosquito bites, take anti-malarial medicines and urgently seek early diagnosis and treatment for any feverish illness.
- The key to preventing malaria is avoiding infective mosquito bites by using repellents, covering up at night and sleeping with bed-nets if mosquitoes cannot be excluded from the room.
- Appropriate anti-malarial medicine is essential when travelling to known malarial areas. Drug resistance is increasing in many areas so recommended regimens have changed.
- Doses and choice of medicine may have to be altered when someone has another illness or is taking treatment for another medical condition.
- Standby treatment may be given to those who will be unable to reach medical services for extended periods.
- No preventive treatment is infallible so all fever and flu like illnesses occurring within a year of returning from malarial regions need to be urgently investigated with malaria in mind.
- Diseases other than malaria can be transmitted by biting insects. Take local advice and observe recommended precautions.

SIXTH SCHEDULE*(Regulations 12 and 13)*

GUIDE TO THE USE OF MEDICINES

General advice about medicines

Many over-the-counter medicines are now available with patient information leaflets and the advice on dose precautions and side effects should be consulted and retained for reference. Valuable guidance is also available from pharmacists or by seeking Radio Medical Advice. When obtaining medicinal products, prepared or dispensed by a pharmacist in a pharmacy, ensure that they are clearly labelled with their strength (e.g. 125 mg per tablet or 125 mg per 5 ml) and expiry date, and that they are packaged in accordance with international standards for packaging of medicines.

Medicines obtained abroad

Medicine supplies should be replenished wherever possible at the same strengths as specified in the British Pharmacopoeia. If medicines are obtained elsewhere, e.g. in the USA, they may be of different strength, and this shall be taken into account when administering them. The non-proprietary name (local pharmaceutical name) for some medicines bought abroad may differ from that used in the list of medical stores. The pharmacist should have a "translation" of the non-proprietary name, but if in doubt about a medicine, get radio medical advice.

Medicines obtained by seafarer from a doctor ashore

A seafarer who goes to a doctor ashore should be asked to obtain from the doctor a written note of the non-proprietary name of any prescribed medicine, details of how it is to be taken and any cautionary or advisory guidance e.g. may cause drowsiness. The details on the note from the doctor should be checked against the information on the medicine container to ensure that they match. In case of any problem or doubt it may be necessary to check the prescription with the radio medical doctor.

*Sixth Schedule - (Concl'd)***Controlled drugs**

When outside Barbados territorial waters you should, as far as possible, follow the same procedures. Controlled drugs are preparations subject to the international prescription requirements or prescription requirements otherwise specified by the Administration in a merchant shipping notice. The different drugs are graded according to the harmfulness attributed to the drug when it is misused and for this purpose there are three categories of drugs:

- (a) Class A, which includes heroin, morphine and opium;
- (b) Class B, which includes barbiturates, and codeine; and
- (c) Class C, which includes, among other drugs, anabolic steroids.

Each of these categories contains many more drugs than those quoted. The drugs subject to the strictest controls are those specified in a merchant shipping notice.

The only controlled Class A drug listed is morphine sulphate in Category A vessels and in the doctor's bag.

Obtaining controlled drugs

Controlled drugs should be obtained only from a retail pharmacist or other person licensed to supply drugs, who will require a written requisition. An example of the wording to be used is given in the *Seventh Schedule*.

Storage and Security of Medicines***Storage of medicines***

Where no specific storage temperature is given drugs should be stored at room temperature between 15 - 25° centigrade. Some of the drugs should be kept under refrigeration, 2 - 5° centigrade, but care shall be taken not to freeze them, otherwise they will lose their potency, or the ampoules will be broken.

SEVENTH SCHEDULE*(Regulation 14)*

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Requisition form for use when obtaining controlled drugs

Requisition

To: _____
(Name and address of authorized supplier)

From: _____
(Name of Master or Ship owner)

Vessel Name: _____
(Name of vessel)

Address: _____
(Address of the Ship or the Ship owner)

Please supply: _____
(Name, strength and quantity of drugs in words and figures)

The above drugs are required for the medical stores of the above vessel in compliance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ships' Medical Stores) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 32).

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Signature: _____

Name (capital letters): _____

Occupation: _____

Date: _____

If the drugs are received by another person the requisition shall be endorsed as follows:

I empower _____ to receive the above drugs on my behalf.
(Name)

A specimen of their signature is provided below.

Specimen signature of person empowered: _____

Signature of Master/owner: _____

EIGHTH SCHEDULE*(Regulation 16(1))**Completion of the Controlled Drugs Register*

Section 1 – Drugs obtained from authorized supplier or confiscated from seafarers

Example

Date obtained	Suppliers name and address	Amount obtained	Name of drug and form in which obtained
11/12/2020	B.W.I Chemists 13 Industrial Drive, St. Michael, Barbados, W.I.	10 ampoules	Morphine sulphate 10 mg in 1 ml (in glass ampoules)

Section 2 – Drugs dispensed or disposed of

Example

Date	Name and Address of Person giving Drug	Right of Person to have Drug	Amount supplied	Drug and Form in which supplied
11/12/2020	T.D. Lawrence Log book ref. 23	Injured crewman (fractured arm)	2 ampoules	Morphine sulphate 10 mg in 1 ml (in glass ampoules)
14/12/2020	B.W.I Chemists 13 Industrial Drive, St. Michael, Barbados, W.I.	Qualified retail pharmacist	8 ampoules	Morphine sulphate 10 mg in 1 ml (in glass ampoules)

NINTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

MEDICAL STORES

COLUMN 1 Ship Description	COLUMN 2 Category of Medicines and Medical Stores
1. A sea-going ship with no limitation on voyage length.	Medical stores as specified by a qualified medical practitioner or pharmacist for Category A vessels and published in a Merchant Shipping Notice.
2. A sea-going ship during voyages on which it is not more than 150 nautical miles from the nearest port with adequate medical equipment, or not more than 175 nautical miles from the nearest port with adequate medical equipment if the ship remains continuously within range of helicopter rescue services.	Medical stores as specified by a qualified medical practitioner or pharmacist for Category B vessels and published in a Merchant Shipping Notice.
3. A sea-going ship carrying a dangerous substance in her cargo, or any residue of a dangerous substance from an earlier cargo.	Medical stores as specified by a qualified medical practitioner or pharmacist in relation to such ships and published in a Merchant Shipping Notice.
4. A sea-going ship carrying more than 12 passengers but not a doctor as a member of the crew.	Medical stores as specified in the <i>Second Schedule</i> .

The requirements in entries 3 and 4 of the Table are in addition to those in entries 1 and 2, as the case may be.

Made by the Minister this 23rd day of April, 2025.

G.P.I. GOODING-EDGHILL
Minister responsible for Shipping