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## MERCHANT SHIPPING (FERRYING) REGULATIONS, 2025

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## Merchant Shipping Act

(Act 2024–28)

**MERCHANT SHIPPING (FERRYING) 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 (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025*.

**Definitions**

2. In these Regulations,

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

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

“Barbados-based ferry service” means a maritime ferry service or combined aviation-maritime cargo and passenger ferry service commencing from ferry facilities in Barbados and engaged on voyages only within

(a) Barbados’ waters; or

(b) the waters of the Caribbean Trading Area;

“Barbados ferry facilities permit” means a permit issued under regulation 6(1)(b) (i);

“Barbados ferry service license” means a license issued under regulation 6(1)(b) (ii);

(a) within Barbados; and

(b) between Barbados and the Caribbean Trading Area;

“Caribbean Trading Area” means the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea proper, including the bays and seas in them and that portion of the Atlantic Ocean within the boundary constituted by a rhumb line from a point on the east coast of the United States of America in latitude 32° 00' north to the intersection 20° 00' north, 59° 00' west, thence a rhumb line to the intersection of 7° 20' north, 50° west, and thence a rhumb line drawn southwesterly to the eastern boundary of French Guiana;

“Director” means the Director of Ocean Affairs;

“domestic ferry” means a vessel flying the Barbadian flag that carries cargo and passengers on a regular schedule and operates on routes to destinations within Barbados’ waters;

“ferry facilities” mean facilities used in connection with ferries, including facilities for

(a) loading and unloading of cargo;

(b) embarking and disembarking passengers;

(c) ferry docking;

(d) ferry maintenance; and

(e) ferry haul-out;

“ferry service” means a water-based transport service for the transportation of persons and cargo, including vehicles;

“inter-regional ferry” means a vessel flying the Barbadian flag that carries cargo and passengers on a regular schedule and operates on routes to destinations within waters in the Caribbean Trading Area;

“maritime security level” means

- (a) maritime security level 1;
- (b) maritime security level 2; or
- (c) maritime security level 3;

“maritime security level 1” means the maritime security level in force under section 650 of the Act;

“maritime security level 2” means the maritime security level 2 as in force under section 650 of the Act;

“maritime security level 3” means the maritime security level 3 as in force under section 650 of the Act; and

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for Shipping.

“special ferry service licence” means a licence issued under regulation 6(5);

“surveyor” means a surveyor selected from an approved list of marine surveyors issued by the Administration via a Merchant Shipping Notice.

### **Purpose**

**3.** The purpose of these Regulations is to create the enabling environment for the development of Barbados’ ferrying industry.

### **Application**

**4.(1)** These Regulations apply to privately owned passenger and cargo ferries above 150 GT operating in Barbados and or the Caribbean Trading Area, whether solely by sea or via combined air-to-sea or sea-to-air ferrying.

**(2)** Except where expressly provided otherwise in a Marine Notice, these Regulations do not apply to

- (a) government-owned ferries; or

- (b) a ferry operating under a ferry service arrangement between the Government of Barbados and one or more foreign governments.

### **Compliance by ferries with international maritime standards**

**5.** Ferries referred to in paragraph 4(2), when trading in whole or in part in Barbados waters as part of a ferry service arrangement, shall comply with international maritime safety, security and marine pollution prevention standards and, when in Barbados waters, shall be subject to port state control inspections in accordance with

- (a) the Act;
- (b) the *Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) Regulations, 2025* (S. I. 2025 No. 40);
- (c) the Caribbean Memorandum of Understanding on Port State Control; and
- (d) the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, as amended.

### **Requirements to establish and operate a Barbados-based ferry service**

**6.(1)** A person wishing to establish and operate a ferry service in Barbados shall

- (a) register the ferry under the Barbados flag, as either
  - (i) a domestic ferry service line; or
  - (ii) an inter-regional ferry service line, with voyages commencing or concluding in Barbados;
- (b) apply to the Minister for a
  - (i) Barbados ferry facilities permit, for the establishment of ferry facilities in Barbados, where such facilities will be established or operated by a private person; or

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- (ii) Barbados ferry service license, for operating a ferry service
    - (A) in Barbados' waters; or
    - (B) between Barbados and the Caribbean Trading Area; and
  - (c) pay the fees specified in the *Second Schedule* to these Regulations, or in a Shipping (Fee) Notice, as the case may be.
- (2) Regulation 6(1)(b)(i) applies to the owner or operator of a privately owned or managed ferry terminal or other facility used to accommodate ferries for berthing, docking, repairing or other activities relating to ferries.
- (3) Regulation 6(1)(b)(ii) applies to owners or operators of ferries.
- (4) The owner of a foreign-registered ferry wishing to operate a ferry service in Barbados, shall
- (a) register the ferry in Barbados, in accordance with regulation 6(1)(a); or
  - (b) bareboat charter-in the ferry under the Barbados flag, in accordance with PART VII of the Act; and
  - (c) obtain, after a registration pursuant to (a) or (b), a Barbados ferry service licence.
- (5) Non-commercial ferry services, including ferry services for
- (a) recreation;
  - (b) research;
  - (c) training; or
  - (d) other non-commercial ferry services not falling under sub-regulation (6),
- require a special ferry service licence.
- (6) Non-commercial ferry services for
- (a) medical, disaster relief and humanitarian purposes; or

(b) other related purposes,

only require written communication and notification to the Administration.

(7) The Administration on receiving a communication or notification, pursuant to sub-regulation (6) shall notify the Minister, and the Minister may issue such further directions as he deems necessary in the circumstances.

(8) A holder of a permit or licence issued under these Regulations may be subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified by the Administration.

(9) It shall be an offence to

(a) establish or operate a ferry terminal or other facility used to accommodate ferries, in contravention of regulation 6(1)(b)(i);

(b) operate a ferry service in contravention of regulations 6(1)(a) and 6(1)(b)(ii);

(c) operate under an expired permit or licence, as the case may be;

(d) where a foreign-registered ferry, operate a ferry in Barbados in contravention of regulation 6(4);

(e) operate a non-commercial ferry service, in contravention of regulation 6(5);

(f) operate contrary to permit or licence terms and conditions, in contravention of regulation 6(8).

(10) A person who commits an offence in relation to

(a) sub-regulation (9)(a) is liable to suspension or revocation of the permit and/or to a fine of \$50 000;

(b) sub-regulation (9)(b) is liable to suspension or revocation of the licence and/or a fine of \$50 000;

(c) sub-regulation (9)(c) is liable to a fine of \$100 000;

(d) sub-regulation (9)(d) is liable to a fine of \$200 000;

- (e) sub-regulation (9)(e) is liable to a fine of \$50 000; and
- (f) sub-regulation (9)(f) is liable to a fine of \$200 000.

## PART II

### FERRY SURVEYS

#### **Surveys of ferries**

7.(1) Every Barbados-registered ferry shall be subject to an annual inspection of the ferry's bottom, of which 2 inspections within any 5-year period are to take place out of the water at intervals not exceeding 36 months.

- (2) Every Barbados-registered ferry shall be subject to
  - (a) before the ferry is put in service, a ferry initial survey; and
  - (b) before the end of every period of 12 months following the issuance of a
    - (i) ferry safety certificate, a ferry renewal survey;
    - (ii) ferry safety radio certificate, a ferry renewal survey;
    - (iii) ferry maritime labour certificate, a ferry renewal survey;
    - (iv) ferry security certificate, a ferry renewal survey;
    - (v) ferry marine pollution prevention certificate, a ferry renewal survey; and
    - (vi) ferry energy efficiency certificate, a ferry renewal survey.
- (3) Certificates referred to in paragraph (2) shall be in the form set out in the *First Schedule*.
- (4) An endorsement on a certificate shall be in the form prescribed by the Administration.

**Surveys of ferry structure, machinery and equipment**

**8.(1)** A Barbados-registered ferry shall be subject to the following surveys of her structure, machinery and equipment, other than equipment to which regulation 9 applies:

- (a) before the ferry is put in service, an initial survey;
- (b) every 5 years, a ferry renewal survey;
- (c) within three months before or after the second or third anniversary date of a ferry safety certificate, a ferry intermediate survey;
- (d) within three months before or after each anniversary date of the ferry safety certificate, other than where a renewal or intermediate survey is required to be carried out within that period, an annual survey; and
- (e) subject to paragraph (2), 2 inspections of the ferry's bottom, to take place out of the water within any 5-year period, and at intervals not exceeding 36 months.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(e), where a ferry renewal survey takes place within 3 months after the end of the 5-year period of validity of a ferry safety certificate, and that certificate has been extended in accordance with regulation 24(3) or (4), the period of extension of the certificate shall be deemed to be within the 5-year period.

**Surveys of ferries: radio installations**

**9.** A Barbados-registered ferry shall be subject to the following surveys of her radio installations:

- (a) before the ferry is put in service, a ferry radio installation initial survey;
- (b) every 5 years, a ferry radio installations renewal survey; and
- (c) within 3 months before or after each anniversary date of the ferry safety radio certificate, a ferry radio installations periodical survey.

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**Surveys of ferry occupational and maritime labour elements**

**10.** A Barbados-registered ferry shall be subject to the following surveys of her occupational and maritime labour safety elements:

- (a) before the ferry is put in service, a ferry occupational and maritime labour safety assessment initial survey;
- (b) every 5 years, a ferry occupational and maritime labour safety assessment renewal survey; and
- (c) within 3 months before or after each anniversary date of the ferry security certificate, a ferry occupational and maritime labour safety assessment periodical survey.

**Surveys of ferry security**

**11.** A Barbados-registered ferry shall be subject to the following surveys of her security arrangements:

- (a) before the ferry is put in service, a ferry security assessment initial survey;
- (b) every 5 years, a ferry security assessment renewal survey; and
- (c) within 3 months before or after each anniversary date of the ferry security certificate, a ferry security assessment periodical survey.

**Surveys of ferry marine environmental performance**

**12.** A Barbados-registered ferry shall be subject to the following surveys of her marine pollution prevention arrangements:

- (a) before the ferry is put in service, a ferry marine environmental performance initial survey;
- (b) every 5 years, a ferry marine environmental performance renewal survey; and

- (c) within 3 months before or after each anniversary date of the ferry marine pollution prevention certificate, a ferry marine environmental performance periodical survey.

### **Surveys of ferry energy efficiency performance**

**13.** A Barbados-registered ferry shall be subject to the following surveys of her energy efficiency arrangements:

- (a) before the ferry is put in service, a ferry energy efficiency performance initial survey;
- (b) every 5 years, a ferry energy efficiency performance renewal survey; and
- (c) within 3 months before or after each anniversary date of the ferry energy efficiency certificate, a ferry energy efficiency performance periodical survey.

### **Ferry-specific operational management plans**

**14.(1)** All Barbados-registered ferries shall operate in accordance with their individual ferry-specific operational management plans, which shall be developed by the ferry company or an entity authorized in writing by the ferry company.

(2) The ferry-specific operational management plan shall contain technical and operational measures for improving the ferry's safety and security and the marine environmental and energy efficiency performance of a ferry.

(3) Ferry-specific operational management plans are subject to review during a ferry survey, and a surveyor may require amendments to a ferry-specific operational management plan necessary for reasons of ferry safety, security or marine environmental or energy efficiency performance.

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**Owner and operator responsibilities**

- 15.(1)** The owner and the operator of a ferry shall ensure that
- (a) the ferry and her equipment are maintained so as to ensure that the ferry in all respects remains fit to proceed to sea without danger to the ferry or persons on board;
  - (b) after any survey of the ferry required by these Regulations has been completed, no change is made in the structural arrangements, machinery, equipment and other items covered by the survey, without the approval of the Administration, except by direct replacement; and
  - (c) whenever an accident occurs to a ferry or a defect is discovered that affects the safety of the ferry or the efficiency or completeness of her life-saving appliances or other equipment
    - (i) it is reported at the earliest opportunity to the Administration, or to a proper officer; and
    - (ii) if the ferry is a Barbados-registered ferry in a port outside Barbados, it is also reported to the appropriate authorities of the country in which the port is situated.
- (2) If a report is made under paragraph (1)(c)(i), the Administration or proper officer shall determine whether a survey is necessary and, if so, require one to be carried out.
- (3) If a survey referred to in paragraph (2) shows that repairs are required, or if any important repairs or renewals are otherwise made to the ferry or her equipment, a further survey shall be carried out on the completion of those repairs or renewals.
- (4) This regulation applies to
- (a) Barbados-registered ferries; and

- (b) except as regards paragraph (1)(a), other ferries that have been surveyed pursuant to these Regulations.

**Deficient ferry: procedure to be adopted**

**16.(1)** Where a surveyor determines that the condition of a Barbados-registered ferry, or another ferry that has been surveyed pursuant to these Regulations, does not correspond substantially with the particulars on one or more of the certificates referred to in these Regulations or is such that the ferry is not fit to proceed to sea without danger to the ferry or persons on board, the surveyor shall advise the owner or operator of the corrective action that in the surveyor's opinion is required, and shall notify the Administration.

(2) If such corrective action is not taken within 3 months, the surveyor or the Administration shall notify the Minister, who may suspend the validity of the certificate issued to the ferry.

(3) The Minister shall give notice of any such suspension to the owner, to the surveyor, and to the Administration, who in turn shall notify the ferry operator.

PART III

FERRY CERTIFICATES

**Requirement for certificates: initial ferry surveys**

**17.** A Barbados-registered ferry shall not be put into service, or if she is already in service, continue in service, unless

- (a) an initial survey has been carried out in respect of the ferry;
- (b) at the date of the initial survey, the surveyor is satisfied that the ferry is seaworthy in relation to maritime safety, including maritime labour safety, maritime security and marine environmental and energy efficiency performance;

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- (c) there is on board the ferry a ferry-specific operational management plan that has been reviewed and verified by the surveyor as appropriate for effective management of the ferry in relation to maritime safety, including maritime labour safety, maritime security and marine environmental and energy efficiency performance; and
  - (d) in consequence of that initial survey, the following certificates have been issued in respect of that ferry and are still valid:
    - (i) a ferry safety certificate;
    - (ii) a ferry safety radio certificate;
    - (iii) a ferry maritime labour certificate;
    - (iv) a ferry security certificate;
    - (v) a ferry marine pollution prevention certificate; and
    - (vi) a ferry energy efficiency certificate.

**Requirement for certificates: renewal ferry surveys**

**18.(1)** No Barbados-registered ferry shall proceed to sea or, if she is already at sea, remain at sea, after the date of an expiry of a certificate specified in these Regulations in respect of that ferry, unless

- (a) a renewal survey has been carried out in respect of the ferry;
- (b) at the date of the renewal survey, the surveyor is satisfied that the ferry is seaworthy in relation to maritime safety, including maritime labour safety, maritime security and marine environmental and energy efficiency performance;
- (c) there is on board the ferry a ferry-specific operational management plan that has been reviewed and verified by the surveyor as appropriate for effective management of the ferry in relation to maritime safety, including maritime labour safety, maritime security and marine environmental and energy efficiency performance; and

- (d) in consequence of that renewal survey, the following certificates have been issued in respect of that ferry and are still valid:
- (i) a ferry safety certificate;
  - (ii) a ferry safety radio certificate;
  - (iii) a ferry maritime labour certificate;
  - (iv) a ferry security certificate;
  - (v) a ferry marine pollution prevention certificate; and
  - (vi) a ferry energy efficiency certificate.
- (2) Renewal surveys are to be carried out every 5 years on ferries, except as follows:
- (a) when the renewal survey is completed within 3 months before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to a date not exceeding 5 years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate;
  - (b) when the renewal survey is completed after the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to a date not exceeding 5 years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate; or
  - (c) when the renewal survey is completed more than three months before the expiry date of the existing certificate, the new certificate shall be valid from the date of completion of the renewal survey to a date not exceeding 5 years from the date of completion of the renewal survey.
- (3) If a ferry is not in a place where she is to be surveyed when a certificate expires, the period of validity of the certificate may be extended by the Administration for the purpose of allowing the ferry to complete her voyage to the port in which she is to be surveyed.
- (4) No certificate shall be extended for a period longer than 3 months, and a ferry to which an extension is granted shall not, on her arrival to the place in

which she is to be surveyed, be entitled by virtue of the extension to leave that place without having a new certificate.

(5) When the renewal survey of a ferry referred to in paragraph (3) is completed, the new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding 5 years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate before the extension was granted.

(6) A certificate issued to a ferry engaged on short voyages that has not been extended under paragraph (3) may be extended by the Minister for a period of up to one month from the date of expiry stated on it.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8), when the renewal survey of a ferry referred to in paragraph (6) is completed, the new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding 5 years from the date of expiry of the existing certificate before the extension was granted.

(8) The Director may date a new certificate on a date other than the date of expiry of the existing certificate, in which case the new certificate shall be valid to a date not exceeding 5 years from the date of completion of the renewal survey.

#### **Requirement for certificates: annual ferry surveys**

**19.** No Barbados-registered ferry shall proceed to sea or, if she is already at sea, remain at sea, after the end of any annual survey period for that ferry unless

- (a) a survey has been carried out in respect of the ferry;
- (b) at the date of the annual survey, the surveyor is satisfied that the ferry is seaworthy in relation to maritime safety, including maritime labour safety, maritime security and marine environmental and energy efficiency performance; and
- (c) in consequence, the following certificates in respect of that ferry have been endorsed and are still valid:
  - (i) a ferry safety certificate;
  - (ii) a ferry safety radio certificate;

- (iii) a ferry maritime labour certificate;
- (iv) a ferry security certificate;
- (v) a ferry marine pollution prevention certificate; and
- (vi) a ferry energy efficiency certificate.

### **Duties of ferry company and operator**

**20.(1)** The company and the operator of a Barbados-registered ferry shall ensure that the ferry and her equipment are maintained in compliance with these Regulations, so as to ensure that the ferry in all respects remains fit to proceed to sea without presenting an unreasonable threat of harm to the marine environment and to the atmosphere.

(2) The company and the operator of a Barbados-registered ferry shall ensure that after any survey of the ferry, no change except by way of direct replacement is made to the equipment, systems, fittings, arrangements and materials of that ferry covered by the survey, without the approval of

- (a) the Administration, where the surveyor has been appointed by the Administration; or
- (b) the Minister, where the relevant ferry certificates have been issued by the Minister at the request of a government of a state within the Caribbean Trading Area.

(3) Whenever an accident occurs on a ferry, or a defect is discovered in a ferry that substantially affects the integrity or efficiency of the ferry, the company and the ferry operator shall ensure that

- (a) the accident or defect is reported at the earliest opportunity to the Administration; and
- (b) in the case of a ferry outside Barbados, the accident or defect is also immediately reported to the maritime authorities in the country in which the ferry is situated.

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- (4) When an accident or defect is reported to the Administration in accordance with paragraph (3)(a), the Administration shall
- (a) cause an investigation to be initiated to determine whether an additional survey is necessary; and
  - (b) if the Administration considers that an additional survey is necessary, cause that survey to be carried out.
- (5) When an accident or defect is reported to the Administration and the ferry in question is in a place outside of Barbados, the Administration shall ascertain that the requirement in paragraph (3)(b) has been complied with.
- (6) In this regulation, “direct replacement” means the replacement with equipment, fittings, systems, arrangements and materials that conform to international maritime safety standards, including relevant International Standards Organization standards.

#### **Additional ferry surveys**

- 21.(1)** This regulation applies to a Barbados-registered ferry where
- (a) a repair resulting from an investigation referred to in regulation 20(4) has been made to the ferry; or
  - (b) an emergency repair or renewal has been made to the ferry.
- (2) A ferry to which paragraph (1) applies shall not proceed to sea or, if she is already at sea, remain at sea, unless
- (a) an additional survey has been carried out in respect of the ferry;
  - (b) at the date of the survey the surveyor is satisfied that
    - (i) the repair or renewal has been made effectively;
    - (ii) the materials used in, and the workmanship of, the repair or renewal are satisfactory in all respects; and

- (iii) the ferry complies in all respects with the requirements of these Regulations, or has been permitted to do so in writing by the Administration; and
- (c) the surveyor has issued a survey report to the Administration expressing satisfaction required under subparagraph (b).

### **Cancellation of a certificate**

**22.(1)** The Administration may cancel a certificate issued to a Barbados-registered ferry, where there is reason to believe that

- (a) the certificate was issued on false or erroneous information; or
  - (b) in the period after a survey required by these Regulations, the structure, equipment or machinery has sustained damage or is otherwise deficient.
- (2) The Administration may require that a certificate issued to a Barbados-registered ferry that has expired or has been cancelled be surrendered.
- (3) No person shall
- (a) intentionally alter a certificate referred to in these Regulations;
  - (b) intentionally make a false certificate referred to in these Regulations;
  - (c) in connection with any survey required by these Regulations, knowingly or recklessly furnish false information;
  - (d) with intent to deceive, use, lend or allow to be used by another person, a certificate referred to in these Regulations; or
  - (e) fail to surrender a certificate required to be surrendered under paragraph (2).

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**Availability of certificates**

**23.** The owner and the operator of a ferry issued with a certificate specified in respect of ferries in these Regulations shall ensure that it is readily available for examination on board at all times.

**Extensions and other provisions**

**24.(1)** Where a ferry certificate, other than a ferry safety certificate, has been issued for a period of validity of less than 5 years and the surveys required under these Regulations have been satisfactorily completed, the surveyor may extend the validity of that certificate so that the certificate is valid for a maximum period of 5 years.

(2) Where a renewal survey required under these Regulations has been satisfactorily completed before the expiry of the relevant ferry certificate but the new certificate cannot be issued or placed on board the ferry before the expiry of the existing certificate, the surveyor may endorse the existing certificate as valid for a period not exceeding 5 months from the expiry date.

(3) Where a renewal survey required under these Regulations has not been satisfactorily completed before the expiry of the relevant ferry certificate and at the time of expiry the ferry is not in a place in which she is to be surveyed, the surveyor may extend the validity of the certificate solely for the purpose of allowing the ferry to complete her voyage to her place of survey.

(4) Where no other extension has been granted, the surveyor may extend the validity of a ferry certificate of a ferry engaged on short voyages for a period of not more than one month.

**PART IV****EXEMPTIONS****Exemptions**

**25.** The Minister may grant exemptions from all or any of these Regulations on any terms he may specify and may, subject to giving notice, alter or cancel any such exemption.

**Exemption certificates: issue and duration**

**26.(1)** When an exemption is granted to a ferry, an exemption certificate shall be issued in addition to any other certificate issued under these Regulations.

(2) The period of validity of an exemption certificate shall not be longer than the period of validity of the certificate to which it refers.

(3) An exemption certificate shall be subject to the same extension capability and other requirements as the certificate to which it refers.

**PART V****FERRIES, FERRY FACILITIES AND MARITIME SECURITY****Application of this Part**

- 27.** This Part applies to
- (a) Barbados-registered ferries; and
  - (b) domestic ferry facilities.

**Ferry security levels**

**28.(1)** Ferry security levels shall be commensurate with the maritime security levels specified in the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.

(2) The operator of a domestic ferry or domestic ferry facility shall maintain maritime security level 1 at all times unless maritime security level 2 or 3 is required by a security measure formulated by the National Security Minister.

### **Ferry security equipment and systems**

**29.** No person shall tamper with, damage or disrupt the normal operation of any security equipment or system on board a ferry or within a ferry facility.

### **Required security documentation**

**30.(1)** Subject to paragraph (2), no person shall operate a ferry without a ferry security certificate.

(2) A ferry operator is deemed to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) if

- (a) a valid ferry security certificate or a valid interim ferry security certificate has been issued in respect of the ferry in accordance with these Regulations; or
- (b) a valid international ship security certificate or a valid interim international ship security certificate has been issued in respect of the ferry in accordance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.

### **Security requirements - domestic ferry facilities**

**31.(1)** Subject to paragraph (2), no person shall operate a domestic ferry facility without a statement of compliance in respect of the ferry facility issued by the Administration.

(2) The operator of a domestic ferry facility is deemed to comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) if the Administration has issued a letter of approval in respect of the ferry facility.

**Procedure for issuance of ferry security documentation**

**32.(1)** In order to obtain a ferry security certificate or an international ship security certificate in respect of a Barbados-registered ferry, the ferry operator shall submit a security assessment report to the Administration in respect of the ferry.

(2) On receipt of the security assessment report, the Administration shall issue to the ferry operator a security assessment letter of approval in respect of the ferry.

(3) On receipt of the security assessment letter of approval, the ferry operator shall submit to the Administration a security plan in respect of the ferry.

(4) On receipt of the security plan, the Administration shall issue to the ferry operator an interim ferry security certificate in respect of the ferry if

- (a) the ferry security plan is in force for the ferry, as part of the ferry-specific operational management plan;
- (b) the ferry is not security-verified in accordance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code or these Regulations; and
- (c) the Administration reasonably believes that, were the ferry to be inspected, the ferry would be security-verified in accordance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code or these Regulations.

(5) On \_\_\_\_\_, the Administration shall issue to the ferry operator a ferry security certificate in respect of the ferry.

**Issuance of security documentation – domestic ferry facility**

**33.** The procedure for the issuance of security documentation in respect of a domestic ferry facility is as follows:

- (a) the ferry facility operator submits to the Administration a security assessment report in respect of the ferry facility;

- (b) the Administration issues to the ferry facility operator a security assessment letter of approval in respect of the ferry facility;
- (c) the ferry facility operator submits to the Administration a security plan in respect of the ferry facility; and
- (d) the Administration issues to the ferry facility operator a statement of compliance in respect of the ferry facility.

## PART VI

### COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

#### **Powers to detain**

**34.(1)** Where a ferry is to be detained under the Act, the detaining officer shall serve on the operator a detention notice, which shall

- (a) state that a surveyor is of the opinion that, in relation to that ferry, there is a failure to comply with the requirements of these Regulations;
- (b) specify the matters that, in the opinion of the surveyor, do not meet those requirements; and
- (c) require the terms of the notice to be complied with before the vessel is released by a person referred to in section 1221(1) of the Act.

(2) Sections 454 and 455 of the Act apply in relation to a detention notice under this regulation in the same manner as those sections apply in relation to a detention notice under section 1221(4) of the Act, with the following modifications:

- (a) the arbitrator shall have regard, in coming to a decision, to any other matters not specified in the detention notice that appear to be relevant to whether the ferry was in breach of a requirement of these Regulations; and

- (b) the arbitrator shall include in the decision a finding whether there was a valid basis for the detention of the ferry for not complying with the requirements of these Regulations.

### **Arbitration**

**35.(1)** If an applicant is dissatisfied for any reason with the outcome of a survey carried out in respect of a Barbados-registered ferry, the applicant may serve a written notice on the responsible person within 21 days of receiving notice of that outcome

- (a) stating that there is a dispute in relation to the survey; and
  - (b) requesting that the dispute be referred to a single arbitrator.
- (2) Subject to paragraphs (3), (4) and (6), an arbitrator referred to in paragraph (1) shall be appointed by agreement between the parties.
- (3) In default of an agreement between the parties, the arbitrator shall be a person appointed by the Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Barbados Branch) or a recognized maritime industry-specific body, following a request by
- (a) a party, after giving written notice to the other party; or
  - (b) the parties jointly.
- (4) No person is to be an arbitrator under this regulation unless that person is
- (a) a person who holds a certificate of competency as a Class 1 Deck Officer or Class 1 Marine Engineer Officer, or a certificate of competency that is equivalent to such a certificate;
  - (b) a naval architect;
  - (c) a person who is qualified to be appointed to a high judicial office in Barbados;
  - (d) a person with experience of shipping matters; or
  - (e) a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Barbados Branch).

(5) An arbitrator appointed under this regulation has the powers of an inspector conferred by section 1058 of the Act.

(6) The rules for arbitration set out in a Marine Guidance Notice apply unless alternative arrangements are agreed between the applicant and the Minister before the commencement of arbitration proceedings.

(7) In this regulation,

“applicant” means a person who makes an application for a survey required by these Regulations;

“party” means the applicant or the responsible person; and

“responsible person” means the surveyor responsible for the issuance of the certificate in connection with which a survey required by these Regulations is carried out.

## PART VII

### OFFENCES

#### **Prohibition on proceeding to sea without the appropriate documentation**

**36.(1)** No Barbados-registered ferry engaged on domestic voyages or voyages between Barbados and the Caribbean Trading Area shall proceed to sea unless she has been surveyed and there is in force the following certificates:

- (a) a ferry safety certificate;
- (b) a ferry safety radio certificate;
- (c) a ferry maritime labour certificate;
- (d) a ferry security certificate;
- (e) a ferry marine pollution prevention certificate; and

(f) a ferry energy efficiency certificate.

(2) If a certificate is issued subject to conditions or specifies sea areas in which the ferry is certified to operate, the owner and the operator shall ensure that all conditions are complied with and that the ferry operates only in the specified sea areas.

### **Offence of fraudulent surveys**

**37.(1)** No marine surveyor shall prepare or issue

- (a) an untrue or inaccurate ferry survey;
- (b) a report or record on the status of a ferry without conducting a ferry survey;
- (c) a report or record that falsely states that a ferry is seaworthy; or
- (d) a ferry survey with false or inaccurate information.

(2) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500 000.

### **Offence – false or misleading statements**

**38.** A ferry operator commits an offence, and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$200 000, if

- (a) the ferry operator makes a statement in connection with whether a ferry safety certificate, ferry safety radio certificate, ferry security certificate, ferry marine pollution prevention certificate and ferry energy efficiency certificate is in force for the ferry, whether orally, in a document or in any other way; and
- (b) the ferry operator does so knowing that the statement
  - (i) is false or misleading; or
  - (ii) omits any matter or thing without which the statement is misleading.

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**Limit on the number of passengers on ferries**

**39.** The owner and the operator of a ferry shall ensure that there is not on board a greater number of passengers than that stated on the ferry's ferry safety certificate.

**Limit on the amount of cargo on ferries**

**40.** The owner and the operator of a ferry shall ensure that there is not on board a greater quantity of cargo than that stated on the ferry's ferry safety certificate.

**Penalties**

**41.(1)** If a ferry proceeds or attempts to proceed to sea without complying with the requirements of these Regulations, the owner and the operator of the ferry each commit an offence and are liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$20 000 or, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term of 2 years or a fine of \$50 000, or to both.

(2) Where a person contravenes regulation 15(1), 20 or 30, the owner and the operator both commit an offence and are liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$20 000 or on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term of 2 years or a fine of \$75 000, or to both.

(3) A person who contravenes regulation 22(3) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$20 000 or, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term of 6 months or a fine of \$50 000, or to both.

(4) If a ferry proceeds to sea in contravention of regulation 36, the owner and the operator of the ferry each commit an offence and are liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$12 000.

(5) Where a person contravenes regulation 39 or 40, both the owner and the operator commit an offence and are liable on summary conviction to a fine of

\$750 000 or, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term of 2 years or a fine of \$150 000, or to both.

(6) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under these Regulations to prove that he took all reasonable steps to ensure that the Regulations were complied with.

## PART VIII

### FERRY INDUSTRY ECONOMIC INCENTIVES PROGRAM

#### **Establishment of ferry industry economic incentives program**

**42.(1)** The Finance Minister, in consultation with the Minister responsible for Shipping, may establish and manage a program, to be known as the Ferry Industry Economic Incentives Program, to promote various types of ferry services in Barbados, and to generally encourage the sustainable development of the ferrying industry.

(2) Under the Ferry Industry Economic Incentives Program, the Finance Minister may grant incentives to ferry owners for projects aimed at

- (a) increasing sustainable energy usage in the ferrying industry;
- (b) enhancing the overall environmental performance of ferries;
- (c) promoting research, development and innovation in ferry design;
- (d) supporting technically challenging ferry projects that require the design or development of new and improved on board systems and components or new construction techniques;
- (e) introducing artificial intelligence systems and robotics on ferries;
- (f) introducing new safety and security control systems on ferries;

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- (g) bolstering ferry-oriented regional seaborne trade and commerce, including combined maritime-aviation ferrying trade and commerce; and
  - (h) promoting competence and skills in energy efficient ferry design, construction, operation, maintenance and management.
- (3) The Finance Minister may also grant incentives
- (a) for the import of ferries, ferry components and products into Barbados; and
  - (b) for the export of ferries or ferry components that were newly manufactured or retrofitted as part of a locally-based ferry project.
- (4) This regulation does not preclude the Finance Minister from granting economic incentives to local ferry manufacturers whose ferry-building, repair or retrofitting activities are not part of a project referred to in paragraph (2), but who build ferries for export.

#### **Qualifying for incentives**

43. In order to qualify for incentives for a project under regulation 42(2),
- (a) the purpose of the ferry project shall be specific to, or be related to, one or more of the aims set out in regulation 42(2);
  - (b) the ferry project shall be innovative and economically, environmentally, educationally, scientifically or socially beneficial;
  - (c) activities constituting the ferry project shall overcome some unknowns, such as uncertainty as to capability, feasibility, optimal design, optimal methodology, or optimal functioning; and
  - (d) experimentation shall be demonstrated through one or more of the following means:
    - (i) test batches;
    - (ii) simulations;

- (iii) systematic trial and error; or
- (iv) other methods, appropriate to the type of ferry project, capable of demonstrating that the desirable result will be achieved.

### **Applying for the incentives**

**44.(1)** An application for an incentive under regulation 42 shall be made to the Ministry responsible for Finance.

(2) On review of an application submitted under paragraph (1), the Finance Minister may, if the application satisfies the requirements of regulation 43, grant an incentive after

- (a) an analysis has been performed on the proposed ferry project; and
- (b) identifying and collecting documentation that will support the incentive claim, including designs, test reports, evaluations and communications that detail the analysis that took place to overcome the challenges and develop solutions to successfully complete the ferry project.

### **Incentives recommendations**

**45.** The Minister responsible for Shipping may recommend to the Finance Minister incentives referred to in regulation 44(2) to owners of ferries registered under the *Shipping (Domestic Vessels) Act, 2024* (Act 2024-22).

## **PART IX**

### **FERRY OPERATING FEES**

#### **Ferry operating fees**

**46.** The fees in respect of ferry operations are as specified in the *Second Schedule*.

**Fees in respect of surveys**

47. Fees in respect of ferry surveys are as specified by surveyor of the ferry.

**Shipping (Fee) Notice**

48. Notwithstanding the *Second Schedule*

- (a) modifications or additions to ferry operating fees may be issued via a Shipping (Fee) Notice;
- (b) discounts;
- (c) waivers; or
- (d) other matters in relation to fees in relation to ferry operations,

may be specified in a Merchant Shipping Notice.

**Application of certain provisions in the *Merchant Shipping (Vessel Fees) Regulations, 2024***

49. The following regulations in the *Merchant Shipping (Vessel Fees) Regulations, 2025* (S. I. 2025 No. 38) apply *mutatis mutandis* in respect of ferry operating fees

- (a) regulation 4;
- (b) regulation 6;
- (c) regulation 7;
- (d) regulation 8;
- (e) regulation 9;
- (f) regulation 10;
- (g) regulation 11;

- (h) regulation 12;
- (i) regulation 13; and
- (j) regulation 14.

**Road vehicle ferry and drive requirements**

**50.(1)** Subject to a written agreement between the Government of Barbados and the Government of a foreign country, a person may ferry their vehicle from

- (a) a foreign country to Barbados; or
- (b) Barbados to a foreign country,

and offload their vehicle and drive that vehicle in Barbados or the foreign country, as the case may be.

(2) A person authorized to ferry their vehicle and drive it in Barbados or a foreign country, as the case may be, shall

- (a) have valid motor vehicle insurance;
- (b) valid driver's licence; and
- (c) any other documentation as may be requested.

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**FIRST SCHEDULE**

*(Regulation 7(3))*



*Merchant Shipping Act  
(Act 2024-28)*

**FERRY SAFETY CERTIFICATE**

Issued under the authority of the Government of Barbados under the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full designation of officer signing on behalf of the Administration)*

**Particulars of Ferry**

Name of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Numbers or Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Official Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Registry: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Tonnage: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Area of Operation (Domestic/Caribbean Trading Area): \_\_\_\_\_

*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*

## THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1. That the ferry has been surveyed in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37) and in accordance with the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended, and the 1988 Protocol relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, implemented by the *Merchant Shipping Act, 2024* (Act 2024-28).
2. That the survey showed that the ferry is safe in terms of her structure, machinery, equipment (including life-saving equipment), appliances (including life-saving appliances), systems (including fire safety systems), fittings and arrangements.
3. That an Exemption Certificate has/has not been issued.
4. There is in respect of the ferry, a ferry-specific operational management plan, which has been reviewed and verified by the surveyor as appropriate for effective management of the ferry in relation to maritime safety.
5. In all other aspects the ferry is compliant with general international maritime vessel safety standards.

Completion date of survey on which this Certificate is based \_\_\_\_\_  
(yyyy/mm/dd)

This Certificate is valid until \_\_\_\_\_ subject to  
(yyyy/mm/dd)  
such surveys in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025*  
(S.I. 2025 No. 37).

Issued at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of duly authorized officer issuing the Certificate)

\*The Surveyor's Report shall accompany this Certificate

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*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*



*Merchant Shipping Act*  
(Act 2024-28)

**FERRY RADIO SAFETY CERTIFICATE**

Issued under the authority of the Government of Barbados under the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full designation of officer signing on behalf of the Administration)*

**Particulars of Ferry**

Name of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Numbers or Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Official Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Registry: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Tonnage: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Area of Operation (Domestic/Caribbean Trading Area): \_\_\_\_\_

*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*

## THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1. That the ferry has been surveyed in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37) and in accordance with Regulation I/9 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 as amended, implemented into the *Merchant Shipping Act, 2024* (Act 2024-28).
2. That the survey showed that:
  - the ferry complies with the requirements of the SOLAS Convention as regards radio installations; and
  - the functioning of the radio installations used in life-saving appliances complied with the requirements of the SOLAS Convention.
3. That an Exemption Certificate has/has not been issued.
4. There is in respect of the ferry, a ferry-specific operational management plan, which has been reviewed and verified by the surveyor as appropriate for effective management of the ferry in relation to radio safety.
5. In all other aspects the ferry is compliant with general international maritime radio safety standards.

Completion date of survey on which this Certificate is based \_\_\_\_\_  
(yyyy/mm/dd)

This Certificate is valid until \_\_\_\_\_ subject to  
(yyyy/mm/dd)  
such surveys in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37).

Issued at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of duly authorized officer issuing the Certificate)

\*The Surveyor's Report shall accompany this Certificate

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*Merchant Shipping Act*  
(Act 2024-28)

**FERRY MARITIME LABOUR CERTIFICATE**

Issued under the authority of the Government of Barbados under the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S. I. 2025 No. 37).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full designation of officer signing on behalf of the Administration)*

**Particulars of Ferry**

Name of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Numbers or Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Official Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Registry: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Tonnage: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Area of Operation (Domestic/Caribbean Trading Area): \_\_\_\_\_

*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*

## THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1. That the ferry has been surveyed in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025*, (S.I. 2025 No. 37) and in accordance with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended, implemented into the *Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) Act* and *Merchant Shipping (MLC Inspections) Regulations*.
2. The ferry is found to be compliant with maritime labour standards in terms of
  - (a) minimum age requirements;
  - (b) medical certification requirements;
  - (c) seafarers qualification requirements;
  - (d) seafarers employment agreements;
  - (e) use of any licensed or certified or regulated private recruitment and placement service;
  - (f) hours of work and rest requirements;
  - (g) manning levels for the vessel;
  - (h) accommodation;
  - (i) on-board recreational facilities;
  - (j) food and catering;
  - (k) health and safety and accident prevention;
  - (l) on-board medical care;
  - (m) on-board complaint procedures;
  - (n) payment of wages;
  - (o) financial security for repatriation; and
  - (p) financial security relating to vessel owners' liability.
3. That an Exemption Certificate has/has not been issued.
4. There is in respect of the ferry, a ferry-specific operational management plan, which has been reviewed and verified by the surveyor as appropriate for effective management of the ferry in relation to maritime labour safety.
5. In all other aspects the ferry is compliant with general international maritime labour safety and protection standards.

Completion date of survey on which this Certificate is based \_\_\_\_\_  
(yyyy/mm/dd)

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*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*

This Certificate is valid until \_\_\_\_\_ subject to  
(yyyy/mm/dd)  
such surveys in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025*  
(S.I. 2025 No. 37).

Issued at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of duly authorized officer issuing the Certificate)

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*Merchant Shipping Act  
(Act 2024-28)*

**FERRY SECURITY CERTIFICATE**

Issued under the authority of the Government of Barbados under the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full designation of officer signing on behalf of the Administration)*

**Particulars of Ferry**

Name of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Numbers or Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Official Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Registry: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Tonnage: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Area of Operation (Domestic/Caribbean Trading Area): \_\_\_\_\_

*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*

## THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1. That the ferry has been surveyed in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37) and in accordance with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, implemented into the *Merchant Shipping Act, 2024* (Act 2024-28) and *Merchant Shipping (Ship and Port Facility Security) Regulations, 2025* (S. I. 2025 No. 36).
2. That the ferry security system and any associated security equipment of the ferry has been verified in accordance with section 19.1 of Part A of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.
3. That the verification showed that the ferry security system and any associated security equipment of the ferry is in all respects satisfactory, and the ferry complies (to the extent practicable) with the applicable requirements of Chapter XI-2 of the SOLAS Convention and Part A of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code.
4. That an Exemption Certificate has/has not been issued.
5. There is in respect of the ferry, a ferry-specific operational management plan, which has been reviewed and verified by the surveyor as appropriate for effective management of the ferry in relation to maritime security.
6. In all other aspects the ferry is compliant with general international maritime security standards.

Completion date of survey on which this Certificate is based \_\_\_\_\_  
(yyyy/mm/dd)

This Certificate is valid until \_\_\_\_\_ subject to  
(yyyy/mm/dd)  
such surveys in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37).

Issued at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of duly authorized officer issuing the Certificate)

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*Merchant Shipping Act  
(Act 2024-28)*

**FERRY MARINE POLLUTION PREVENTION CERTIFICATE**

Issued under the authority of the Government of Barbados under the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full designation of officer signing on behalf of the Administration)*

**Particulars of Ferry**

Name of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Numbers or Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Official Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Registry: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Tonnage: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Area of Operation (Domestic/Caribbean Trading Area): \_\_\_\_\_

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*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*

## THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1. That the ferry has been surveyed in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37) and in accordance with the
  - International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and by the Protocol of 1997 (MARPOL);
  - International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (AFS), 2001, as amended; and
  - International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM), 2004, as amended, implemented into the *Merchant Shipping Act, 2024* (Act 2024-28) and related regulations thereto.
2. That the survey shows that the structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangement and material of the ferry and the condition thereof are in all respects satisfactory, and the ferry complies (to the extent practicable) with the
  - International Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto and by the Protocol of 1997 (MARPOL);
  - International Convention on the Control of Harmful Anti-fouling Systems on Ships (AFS), 2001, as amended; and
  - International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments (BWM), 2004, as amended.
3. That an Exemption Certificate has/has not been issued.
4. There is in respect of the ferry, a ferry-specific operational management plan, which has been reviewed and verified by the surveyor as appropriate for effective management of the ferry in relation to vessel-specific marine pollution control.
5. In all other aspects the ferry is compliant with general international vessel-specific marine pollution control standards.

Completion date of survey on which this Certificate is based \_\_\_\_\_  
(yyyy/mm/dd)

*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*

This Certificate is valid until \_\_\_\_\_ subject to  
(yyyy/mm/dd)  
such surveys in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37).

Issued at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of duly authorized officer issuing the Certificate)

\*The Surveyor's Report shall accompany this Certificate

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*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*



*Merchant Shipping Act*  
(Act 2024-28)

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY CERTIFICATE**

Issued under the authority of the Government of Barbados under the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S. I. 2025 No. 37).

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Full designation of officer signing on behalf of the Administration)*

**Particulars of Ferry**

Name of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Ferry: \_\_\_\_\_

Distinctive Numbers or Letters: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Official Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Port of Registry: \_\_\_\_\_

Gross Tonnage: \_\_\_\_\_

Ferry Area of Operation (Domestic/Caribbean Trading Area): \_\_\_\_\_

*First Schedule - (Cont'd)*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

1. That the ferry has been surveyed in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37), in accordance with the Protocol of 1997 to amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL, Annex VI), implemented into the *Marine Transport (Emissions Control) Act, 2024* (Act 2024-25) and *Marine Transport (Air Pollution Prevention) Regulations, 2025* (S. I. 2025 No. ).
2. That the survey shows that the structure, equipment, systems, fittings, arrangement and material of the ferry and the condition thereof are in all respects satisfactory, and the ferry complies (to the extent practicable) with the *Marine Transport (Emissions Control) Act, 2024* (Act 2024-25) and *Marine Transport (Air Pollution Prevention) Regulations, 2025* (S. I. 2025 No. ).
3. That an Exemption Certificate has/has not been issued.
4. There is in respect of the ferry, a ferry-specific operational management plan, which has been reviewed and verified by the surveyor as appropriate for effective management of the ferry in relation to energy efficiency and emissions control into the atmosphere.
5. In all other aspects the ferry is compliant with general international vessel-specific marine pollution control standards.

Completion date of survey on which this Certificate is based \_\_\_\_\_  
(yyyy/mm/dd)

This Certificate is valid until \_\_\_\_\_ subject to  
(yyyy/mm/dd)  
such surveys in accordance with the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025*.

Issued at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of duly authorized officer issuing the Certificate)

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*First Schedule - (Concl'd)*

**ENDORSEMENT FOR ANNUAL SURVEYS**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that on completion of a survey required by regulation 19(2)(c) of the *Merchant Shipping (Ferrying) Regulations, 2025* (S.I. 2025 No. 37) the ferry was found to comply with the requirements of those Regulations.

Annual survey: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of duly authorised officer)*

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual survey: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of duly authorised officer)*

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual survey: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of duly authorised officer)*

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual survey: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Signature of duly authorised officer)*

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECOND SCHEDULE**
*(Regulations 6 and 46)***Ferry Operating Fees**

1.	Annual registration fees for ferries	
	(a) Ferries above 150 GT but not exceeding 300 GT	\$ 150
	(b) Ferries above 300 GT but not exceeding 1,000 GT	\$ 200
	(c) Ferries above 1,000 GT but not exceeding 5,000 GT	\$ 250
	(d) Ferries above 5,000 GT	\$ 300
2.	Annual Barbados Ferry Facilities Permit fee	\$ 2,000
3.	Barbados Ferry Service Licence (Ferries above 150 GT but not exceeding 300 GT)	
	(a) 1-year Licence fee	\$ 400
	(b) 3-year Licence fee	\$ 1,000
	(c) 5-year Licence fee	\$ 1,800
	(d) 7-year Licence fee	\$ 2,500
	(e) 10-year Licence fee	\$ 3,500
	Barbados Ferry Service Licence (Ferries above 300 GT but not exceeding 1,000 GT)	
	(a) 1-year Licence fee	\$ 500
	(b) 3-year Licence fee	\$ 950
	(c) 5-year Licence fee	\$ 2,300
	(d) 7-year Licence fee	\$ 3,000
	(e) 10-year Licence fee	\$ 4,500
	Barbados Ferry Service Licence (Ferries above 1,000 GT but not exceeding 5,000 GT)	
	(a) 1-year Licence fee	\$ 600
	(b) 3-year Licence fee	\$ 1,500
	(c) 5-year Licence fee	\$ 2,700
	(d) 7-year Licence fee	\$ 4,000
	(e) 10-year Licence fee	\$ 5,500

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*Second Schedule - (Concl'd)*

## Barbados Ferry Service Licence (Ferries above 5,000 GT)

(a) 1-year Licence fee	\$ 700
(b) 3-year Licence fee	\$ 1,900
(c) 5-year Licence fee	\$ 3,000
(d) 7-year Licence fee	\$ 4,500
(e) 10-year Licence fee	\$ 6,500

## 4. Special Ferry Service Licence

(a) Recreation	\$ 350
(b) Research	\$ 500
(c) Training	\$ 700
(d) Other - (as specified in Licence terms/conditions, based on nature of activity)	

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

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