



ORDER No. 98
Sofia, 07.06.2022

On the grounds of Art. 362, para. 1, 2 and 3 of the Merchant Shipping Code, in fulfillment with the provisions of Ordinance No. 20/08.09.2011 regarding the rules for safety and standards for the passenger ships, as amended and supplemented and on the grounds of the powers vested to me pursuant to Art. 10, para. 1, items 1 and 4 of the Rules of procedure of the Executive Agency Maritime Administration, as well for the purposes of human life protection during the transportation of passengers,

I HEREBY ORDER:

I. Scope of Application

1. This Order shall be valid for all passenger ships notwithstanding the flag which the ships are flying.
2. That the limits of the sea areas and the class of passenger ships shall be determined according to Ordinance No. 20/08.09.2011 regarding the rules for safety and standards for the passenger ships, as amended and supplemented.
3. That the inner borders of the sea areas from the coast line and the aquatories of the port Burgas, Varna and Balchik are determined by this order.
4. In a Table in Annex I to this Order shall be inserted on navigational charts the coordinates of the inner borders, the relevant areas, as well as the areas crossed by Ro-Ro passenger ships serving on regular service.
5. The significant height of the wave in the sea areas is determined based on a Study done by the National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (NIMH), branch Varna (Annex 2) as follows:
 - winter season – for the period from 1st November till 30th April – 2-3 wind force;
 - summer season - for the period from 1st May till 31st October – 2-3 wind force.

II. General Provisions

1. The shipowners of passenger ships on domestic voyage flying Bulgarian flag shall submit officially to the shipmaster information on the permitted areas, where the ship is allowed to sail within the respective period of the year.
2. The masters of passenger ships on domestic voyages shall undertake to comply with the areas for sailing within the respective period of the year.
3. All passenger ships on domestic voyages shall keep on board a copy of this Order.
4. Before commencing of regular service to/from Bulgarian port, the shipowner of any passenger ship shall present evidences that the ship is certified to sail in areas with significant height of the wave in compliance with Annex 1.

III. Implementation

1. This Order shall be submitted to the knowledge of all shipowners of passenger ships on domestic voyages and Ro-Ro passenger ships serving on regular service to/from Bulgarian port, irrespective of the area of sailing, ship operators and ship agents for information and implementation.
2. This Order shall be published on the website of Executive Agency “Maritime Administration” in Bulgarian and English language, together with the Annexes thereto.
3. “Notice to mariners” shall be issued, where the Annexes to this Order shall be published.

4. The European Commission shall be notified for the publication, performed under item 2 of this Section, of the sea areas (Annex 1) and the significant height of the waves in them (Annex 2). The notification to the European Commission shall be done each time changes occurred.

IV. Entry into force

This Order enters into force from the date it is issued and repeals Order No. 98 from 3rd December 2021.

V. Control

The control on implementation of this Order shall be exercised by the Deputy Executive Director of Executive Agency "Maritime Administration".

(signature)

Capt. Ventsislav Ivanov,

Executive Director of

Executive Agency "Maritime Administration"