

Act, 1911, as amended by any subsequent enactments or deductions authorised by any Act to be made from wages in respect of contributions to any superannuation or other provident fund.

SECTION II.—The above Minimum Rates of Wages are without prejudice to workers who are earning higher rates of wages.

Dated this fifteenth day of February, 1921.

Signed by Order of the Trade Board.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT, 1920.

### MERCANTILE MARINE.

The Unemployment Insurance (Mercantile Marine) (Collection of Contributions) Regulations,\* 1921, dated 31st January, 1921, made by the Minister of Labour under the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920 (10 and 11 Geo. 5, Ch. 30), after consultation with the Board of Trade.

The Minister of Labour, by virtue of the powers conferred on him by the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, and of all other powers in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations —

### PART I.

#### GENERAL.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Unemployment Insurance (Mercantile Marine) (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1921

#### *Interpretation*

2.—(i) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires or admits—

“Foreign-going ship” includes a ship engaged in regular trade on foreign stations.

“Employed person” means a person who is or has been since 8th November, 1920, a master, seaman or apprentice to the sea service or sea-fishing service, being an employed person within the meaning of the Act

“The principal Regulations” means the Unemployment Insurance (Collection of Contributions) Regulations, 1920, and the Unemployment Insurance (Exempt Persons) Regulations, 1920.

Subject as aforesaid and save where the context otherwise requires, words and expressions to which meanings are assigned in the principal Regulations have the same respective meanings as in those Regulations, and words and expressions to which meanings are assigned in the Merchant Shipping Acts have the same respective meanings as in those Acts.

(ii) The Interpretation Act, 1889, applies to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

\*These Regulations, although Statutory, are provisional only. Permanent Regulations will be made later.

## PART II.

### PERSONS EMPLOYED IN HOME TRADE OR FOREIGN GOING SHIPS.

#### *Application of principal Regulations.*

3. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations the principal Regulations shall apply to all persons employed in a home trade ship or a foreign-going ship.

4. Where on account of the absence of an employed person at sea or outside the United Kingdom, an employer or an employed person is unable to perform an act required by the principal Regulations to be done either forthwith or on the happening of a certain event or within a specified time, he shall be deemed to have complied with those Regulations if he performs the act as soon as is reasonably possible after the happening of the event or the expiration of the specified time.

#### *Master to Comply with Owners' Orders.*

5. It shall be the duty of the master of every ship to comply with all orders or directions given to him by the owner of the ship with a view to carrying into effect the provisions of the Act or of these Regulations.

#### *Currency of Books.*

6. Where a ship is at sea or at a port outside the United Kingdom at the termination of an insurance year, the Unemployment Books of any persons employed on that ship shall remain current.

(a) if the engagement terminates in the United Kingdom, until the termination of the engagement; and

(b) if the engagement terminates outside the United Kingdom, until the return of the insured contributor to the United Kingdom.

## PART III.

### PERSONS EMPLOYED IN FOREIGN-GOING SHIPS.

#### *Issue of Books to Foreign-going Seamen.*

7. For the purpose of the issue of Unemployment Books a Mercantile Marine Office shall be deemed to be a local office within the meaning of the principal Regulations.

8.—(1) The employer shall, as soon as may be after the commencement of the Act and subsequently as may be necessary, apply to a superintendent or consular officer for a sufficient number of Temporary Unemployment Books (Mercantile Marine) for every foreign-going ship.

(2) The Books to be supplied to an employer in accordance with this Article shall be in such form as the Minister may direct, and shall not be used except for persons employed on a foreign-going ship.

(a) where the employed person has been unable for any reason to obtain an Unemployment Book before joining the ship; or

(b) where all the appropriate spaces on the Unemployment Book have been filled by the affixing of stamps.

(3) Before affixing stamps to a Temporary Unemployment Book (Mercantile Marine) the employer shall insert on the book in the space provided the following particulars of the person