GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT

THE SEAMEN

(SUPPLY OF ARTICLES FOR PERSONAL USE)
RULES, 1966

(As amended in 1976 and 1978)
Government of India

Ministry of Transport and Aviation

Department of Transport, Shipping and Tourism

(Transport Wing)

New Delhi, 3rd June, 1966.

Notification

(Merchant Shipping)

GSR 893—In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (1) of Section 172, read with Clause (1) of sub-section (2) of Section 101, of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

1. Short title, Application and Commencement:

   (1) These Rules may be called the Seamen (Supply of Articles for Personal use) Rules, 1966.

   (2) They shall apply to every ship of over five hundred tons gross employing or engaging seamen under the said Act.

   (3) They shall come into force on the 1st day of June, 1966.

2. Supply of Articles for Personal use:

   (1) Every Master or owner of a ship to which these rules apply shall supply or cause to be supplied to each seaman for his personal use on his employment or engagement as such seaman and at periodical intervals thereafter the articles mentioned in the Schedule to these rules in accordance with the terms and conditions specified therein.
(2) Every article supplied under sub-rule (1) shall be for the personal use of a seaman on board during service on the ship and shall, except soap or detergent, be returned by him in good condition to the Master at the time of his discharge from the ship.

(3) In the event of any such article not being returned in good condition or being lost, the seaman concerned shall be liable to pay an amount not exceeding the cost price of the article.

(4) The amount referred to in sub-rule (3) shall be deducted by the Master from the wages or balance of wages of the seaman at the time of his discharge from the ship.

(5) For the purpose of sub-rule (3) and (4), the expression 'good condition' shall include any condition of normal wear and tear.

"THE SCHEDULE*"

Scale of Supply of Personal Items to Every Seaman

[See rule 2(1)]

a) Crockery-Cutlery

(i) One full plate
(ii) One quarter plate or Bowl (Katori) of not less than 3" diameter [Procelain or Stainless steel or anodised Aluminium.]
(iii) One Mug
(iv) One Teaspoon
(v) One Table-spoon
(vi) One Table knife
(vii) One Fork

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(b) **Bedding**

(i) One Mattress

(ii) One Pillow-standard size (not less than 20").

(c) **Linen**

(i) One Pillow Case

(ii) Two bedsheets

(iii) One bedspread

(iv) Two blankets

(v) One bath Towel (Turkish or equivalent quality of not less than 42" size).

(vi) One hand-Towel or Napkin.

(d) **Soap per month**

(i) 3 Cakes of toilet soap

(ii) 1 lb. of washing soap or detergent.

(e) **Miscellaneous**

(i) One tea strainer to be provided in each cabin; or two aluminum kettles and one tea strainer in the Galley.

(ii) One ash tray in each cabin.

(iii) One mug to be provided in each Indian style toilet."

**NOTES**—

(1) The above articles at the time of supply to a seaman shall be of good quality and in clean condition.

(2) The bedsheets, pillow cases and towels, including hand towels or napkins, shall be changed once in a week, while the other articles shall be replaced as and when necessary.
(3) The plates and other mess utensils shall be made of either, glass, china or enamel ware or of any other approved metal which can be easily cleaned, tinned or polished, if required.

(4) If the blankets supplied are woollen, the seamen are not entitled to any further supply of blankets when the ship enters any specified cold region.

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