L.N. 144 of 2006

MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY ACT (CAP. 352)

Ports (Handling of Baggage) Regulations, 2006

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the Malta Maritime Authority Act, the Minister for Competitiveness and Communications, in consultation with the Malta Maritime Authority, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is Ports (Handling Of Baggage) Regulations, 2006.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st July, 2006.

Definitions.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Authority" means the Malta Maritime Authority established under the Malta Maritime Authority Act;

"Operator of Passenger Facilities" means the person who for the time being has the management of passenger operations;

"person" includes a person or a body or association of persons, whether such body or association is corporated or unincorporated.

Authorisation to act as a Baggage Handling Operator.

3. (1) Unless a person, is authorised by the Authority to act as a Baggage Handling Operator such person shall not be allowed to take charge of passengers' baggage or to board ships or enter port enclosed areas for the purpose of handling passengers' baggage.

(2) The Authority may suspend or revoke its authorisation for any breach of these regulations or if the Baggage Handling Operator is condemned for a crime by any court.

Baggage Handling Operator duties.

4. (1) A Baggage Handling Operator shall carry out his duties either as prescribed by these regulations or in terms of procedures established by an Operator of Passenger Facilities and approved by the Authority:

Provided that, as part of his duties a Baggage Handling Operator, he

(a) shall use the greatest care in the handling of baggage and the utmost respect towards passengers;

(b) shall have no fixed hours for his work and shall be available to render service at any time of the day and night;

(c) shall not engage in any business or trading activity whatsoever when doing duty as baggage handling either within the port enclosed areas or on the quays, or on any ship;

(d) shall wear a uniform as may be fixed by an Operator of Passengers Facilities or by the Authority;

(e) shall not smoke during work; and

(f) shall not ask for tips.

Tariff.

5. (1) The tariff for baggage handling services provided by an Operator of Passenger Facilities shall be Lm0.97 per passenger.

(2) Children under four years of age shall have their baggage carried for free.

(3) An Operator of Passenger Facilities may enter into special agreements in respect of baggage handling services and charge lower rates than those established in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation.

Revokes G.N. 508 of 1937.

6. The Licensed Baggage Porters Regulations, 1937 are hereby revoked.

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