

in advance the needs of the intended voyage, taking into consideration the requirements for fuel, water, lubricants, chemicals, expendable and other spare parts, tools, supplies and any other requirements.

## 5. Operation

(a) The engineer officer in charge of the watch shall ensure that the established watchkeeping arrangements are maintained. Under his general direction engine room ratings, if forming part of the watch, shall be required to assist in the safe and efficient operation of the propulsion machinery and the auxiliary equipment.

(b) At the commencement of the engineering watch, the current operational parameters and condition of all machinery shall be verified. Any machinery not functioning properly, expected to malfunction or requiring special service, shall be noted along with any action already taken. Plans shall be made for any further action if required.

(c) The engineer officer in charge of the watch shall ensure that the main propulsion plant and auxiliary systems are kept under constant surveillance, inspections are made of the machinery and steering gear spaces at suitable intervals and appropriate action is taken to remedy any malfunction discovered.

(d) When the machinery spaces are in the manned condition, the engineer officer in charge of the watch shall at all times be readily capable of operating the propulsion equipment in response to needs for changes in direction or speed. When the machinery spaces are in the periodic unmanned condition, the designated duty engineer officer in charge of the watch shall be immediately available and on call to attend the machinery spaces.

(e) All bridge orders shall be promptly executed. Changes in direction or speed of the main propulsion unit shall be recorded, except where an Administration determines that the size or characteristics of a particular ship make such recording impracticable. The engineer officer in charge of the watch shall ensure that the main propulsion unit controls, when in the manual mode of operation, are continuously attended under standby or manoeuvring conditions.

(f) The engineer officer in charge of the watch shall not be assigned or undertake any duties which would interfere with his supervisory duty in respect of the main propulsion system and its ancillary equipment and he shall ensure that the main propulsion system and auxiliary equipment are kept under constant surveillance until he is properly relieved.

(g) Due attention shall be paid to the maintenance and support of all machinery, including mechanical, electrical, hydraulic and pneumatic systems, their control apparatus and associated safety equipment, all accommodation service systems equipment and the recording of stores and spare gear usage.

(h) The chief engineer officer shall ensure that the engineer officer in charge of the watch is informed of all preventive maintenance, damage control, or repair operations to be performed during the watch. The engineer officer in charge of the watch shall be responsible for the isolation, by-passing and adjustment of all machinery under his responsibility that is to be worked on, and shall record all work carried out.

(i) Before going off duty, the engineer officer in charge of the watch shall ensure that all events related to the main and auxiliary machinery are suitably recorded.