Proposal for a new regulation on diving from ships and changes in various regulations provided pursuant to the Ship Labour Act and the Ship Safety and Security Act

§ 1. Purpose

The purpose of the regulation is to

1. ensure a fully sound working environment for workers involved in diving operations and
2. ensure that all inshore diving operations are subject to an appropriate regulatory framework by harmonizing the regulations for diving operations under the Ship Safety and Security act with similar regulations under the Working Environment Act.

§ 2. Objective scope

The regulations apply to safety and health when working under water or increased ambient pressure.

The regulations apply to employees who have their work on board ships, and who are involved in diving operations.

The regulations do not apply to recreational diving.

§ 3. Geographical scope

The regulations apply to

1. Norwegian ships wherever they are and
2. foreign ships in Norway's territorial waters.

§ 4. Diving Operations

Diving operations mean all procedures in connection with work at increased ambient pressure under water or in pressure chamber where the diver is supplied with breathing gas.

§ 5. Safety and health when working under water

Regulations 6 December 2011 no. 1357 on the performance of work (regulations on the performance of work) Chapter 26 on safety and health in work under water apply correspondingly to diving operations from ships.

For tasks that require a diving certificate, the diving certificate must be issued in accordance with the regulations of December 6, 2011 No. 1360 concerning administrative arrangements chapter 8.

§ 6. Inspection, marking, filling and requirements for compressed air

The shipping company shall ensure that compressed air equipment used for diving complies with the requirements of the regulations on the performance of work, chapter 25, regarding requirements for inspection, marking and filling of compressed air cylinders for diving and respiratory protection equipment.

The shipping company shall ensure that the compressed air meets the requirements of regulation 6 December 2011 no. 1358 on action and limit values ​​§ 5-5.

§ 7. Requirements for employees with professional qualifications acquired abroad

Regulations 22 December 2017 No. 2384 concerning the approval of professional qualifications apply correspondingly to employees on ships.

§ 8. Entry into force

The Regulations enter into force on 1 August 2019