

Master

SQMM 5 Master's Responsibilities provides an overview of assigned duties to implement MSC requirements included within the SQMM and restates the Company's support for the overriding authority of the Master (see SQMM 5.3 and 3.2.1).

- **Authority**

The Master is responsible for the safety of the crew, cargo and vessel. They are the ultimate authority on board the ship and may take whatever decision they consider necessary for the safety of life at sea and for the protection of the marine environment.

The Master is the direct representative of the owner. Decisions and actions taken by the Master in this capacity are usually binding upon the owners and therefore the Master must act to ensure that the owners' interests are protected.

- **General Duties**

1. Monitor and ensure compliance with regulations, rules and SQMS requirements;
2. Verify and confirm crewmember conformance to rest hours, disciplinary standards and training;
3. Supervise Officers and Ratings to ensure duties are properly performed;
4. Navigation, voyage planning and passage execution;
5. Oversee maintenance of valid ship and crewmember certificates and compliance plans;
6. Monitor economical and efficient technical operations;
7. Review records, reports, and logs completed by Deck and Engine Officers;
8. Review and approve cargo carriage plans and ensure stability and stress parameters for the ship are not exceeded; and
9. Conduct drills and direct additional training to maintain crew emergency readiness and skills.

Note: The Master may delegate responsibilities outlined in the SQMS and VPM chapters to other crew members, provided the delegation is clearly documented in writing on the Delegation of Duties document, posted on the Bridge, and supported by prior training.