



MLC AMENDMENTS INTO FORCE FROM 8th JANUARY 2019

Dear Partners,

International Chamber of Shipping and the International Transport Workers' Federation recognised in 2016, that harassment and bullying onboard ships can seriously affect seafarers' physical and emotional health.

Therefore, the following amendments for Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and more specifically for **Regulation 4.3** and **Regulation 5.1** of MLC, were prepared and developed and enter into force from **8th January 2019**:

- Guideline B4.3.1 - Provisions on occupational accidents, injuries and diseases.

Relevant amendments are required in Paragraph 1 & Paragraph 4 of the MLC Manual and special attention must be paid on the Latest Version of the "*Guidance on Eliminating Shipboard Harassment and Bullying*" jointly published by the International Chamber of Shipping and the International Transport Workers' Federation.

- Guideline B4.3.6 - Investigations

Relevant amendments are required in Paragraph 2 with regards to the problems arising from harassment and bullying.

- Standard A5.1.3 - Maritime Labour Certificate.

Relevant amendments refer to the extension of the MLC Certificate under the following conditions:

- Renewal Inspection is performed prior its expiration date.
- Renewal of MLC Certificate is endorsed from the competent Flag Authority or Recognized Organization.
- Renewal will not exceed 5 months from the expiry of the existing MLC Certificate.

- Appendix A5-II - Maritime Labour Certificate.

An amended form is provided following a renewal inspection, in which is mentioned that the ship was found to continue to be in compliance with national laws and regulations or other measures implementing the requirements of this Convention.

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