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Title: Amendments of 2022 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as Amended (MLC, 2006)

Effective as of: 23rd of December 2024

Reference: ILC.110 - Amendments of 2022 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as Amended (MLC, 2006)

Application: Ship-owners, Companies, Recognized organizations

The purpose of this Circular is to remind the ship-owners and ship managers that 2022 Amendments to MLC, 2006 shall enter into force on 23rd of December 2024.

Since its entry into force, MLC 2006 has been amended in 2014, 2016 and 2018. Latest 2022 Amendments were approved at the 110th session of the International Labour Conference in June 2022 in Geneva.

2022 Amendments to MLC, 2006 are related to:

1. Recruitment and placement (*Standard A1.4 – Recruitment and placement*);
2. Repatriation (*Standard A2.5.1 – Repatriation*);
3. Accommodation and recreational facilities/Access to shore-based welfare facilities (*Standard A3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities, Guideline B3.1.11 – Recreational facilities, mail and ship visit arrangements, Guideline B4.4.2 – Welfare facilities and services in ports*);
4. Food and catering (*Standard A3.2 – Food and catering*);
5. Medical care on board ship and ashore (*Standard A4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore, Guideline B4.1.3 – Medical care ashore, Guideline B4.1.4 – Medical assistance to other ships and international cooperation*);
6. Health and safety protection and accident prevention (*Standard A4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention, Guideline B4.3.5 – Reporting and collection of statistics*);
7. Appendix A2-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 2.5, paragraph 2;
8. Appendix A4-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 4.2.

Taking into account the above, Maritime Labour Certificate, and DMLC Parts I and II, are required to comply with the requirements of the Convention as amended, no later than the date of the first renewal inspection following entry into force of 2022 Amendments to MLC, 2006 on 23rd of December 2024.

Ship-owners and ship managers are advised to ensure timely renewal of existing Maritime Labour Certificates and DMLC Parts I and II, and to confirm whether the statements in the existing DMLC Part II and/or documents referenced in DMLC Part II comply with the requirements of 2022 Amendments to MLC, 2006. However, if they contain conflicting requirements to 2022 Amendments, it will be necessary to revise them.

Existing Maritime Labour Certificates and DMLC Parts I and II that have been issued prior to the entry into force of the amendments will continue to remain valid, however, they shall be renewed no later than the date of the first renewal inspection following entry into force of the subject amendments to MLC, 2006.

An amended DMLC Part I should be available to:

- All ships registering on or after 23rd December 2024
- Ships already registered, prior to the first renewal inspection on or after 23rd December 2024.

Authorised ROs should assess compliance with the MLC 2022 Amendments to MLC, 2006 during MLC inspections conducted on or after 23rd of December 2024.

ATTACHMENT:

ILC.110 - Amendments to the Code relating to Regulations 1.4, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.3 and to appendices A2-I and A4-I of the MLC, 2006





Amendments to the Code relating to Regulations 1.4, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1 and 4.3 and to appendices A2-I and A4-I of the MLC, 2006

Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 1.4 – Recruitment and placement

Standard A1.4 – Recruitment and placement

Replace paragraph 5(c)(vi) by the following:

(vi) establish a system of protection, by way of insurance or an equivalent appropriate measure, to compensate seafarers for monetary loss that they may incur as a result of the failure of a recruitment and placement service or the relevant shipowner under the seafarers' employment agreement to meet its obligations to them, and ensure that seafarers are informed, prior to or in the process of engagement, of their rights under that system.

Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 2.5 – Repatriation

Standard A 2.5.1 – Repatriation

Insert new paragraph 9 and renumber the subsequent paragraph:

9. Members shall facilitate the prompt repatriation of seafarers, including when they are deemed abandoned within the meaning of Standard A2.5.2, paragraph 2. Port States, flag States and labour-supplying States shall cooperate to ensure that seafarers engaged on a ship to replace seafarers who have been abandoned in their territory, or on a ship flying their flag, shall be accorded their rights and entitlements under this Convention.

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities

Standard A3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities

Replace paragraph 17 by the following:

17. Appropriate seafarers' recreational facilities, amenities and services, including social connectivity, as adapted to meet the special needs of seafarers who must live and work on ships, shall be provided on board for the benefit of all seafarers, taking into account Regulation 4.3 and the associated Code provisions on health and safety protection and accident prevention.

Guideline B3.1.11 – Recreational facilities, mail and ship visit arrangements

Replace paragraph 4(j) by the following:

(j) reasonable access to ship-to-shore telephone communications, where available, with any charges for the use of these services being reasonable in amount.



Insert new paragraph 8:

8. Shipowners should, so far as is reasonably practicable, provide seafarers on board their ships with Internet access, with charges, if any, being reasonable in amount.

Guideline B4.4.2 – Welfare facilities and services in ports

Insert new paragraph 5 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs:

5. Members should, so far as is reasonably practicable, provide seafarers on board ships in their ports and at their associated anchorages with Internet access, with charges, if any, being reasonable in amount.

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 3.2 – Food and catering

Standard A3.2 – Food and catering

Replace paragraphs 2(a) and (b) by the following:

(a) food and drinking water supplies, having regard to the number of seafarers on board, their religious requirements and cultural practices as they pertain to food, and the duration and nature of the voyage, shall be suitable in respect of quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety, and shall be provided free of charge during the period of engagement;

(b) the organization and equipment of the catering department shall be such as to permit the provision to the seafarers of adequate, varied, balanced and nutritious meals prepared and served in hygienic conditions; and

Replace paragraph 7(a) by the following:

(a) supplies of food and drinking water in relation to their quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety;

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore

Standard A4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore

Insert new paragraphs 5 and 6:

5. Each Member shall ensure prompt disembarkation of seafarers in need of immediate medical care from ships in its territory and access to medical facilities ashore for the provision of appropriate treatment.

6. Where a seafarer has died during a ship's voyage, the Member in whose territory the death has occurred or, where the death has occurred on the high seas, into whose territorial waters the ship next enters, shall facilitate the repatriation of the body or ashes by the shipowner, in accordance with the wishes of the seafarer or their next of kin, as appropriate.



Guideline B4.1.3 – Medical care ashore

Insert new paragraphs 4 and 5:

4. Each Member should ensure that seafarers are not prevented from disembarking for public health reasons, and that they are able to replenish ships' stores, fuel, water, food and supplies.

5. Seafarers should be considered to be in need of immediate medical care in cases of, but not limited to:

- (a) any serious injury or disease;
- (b) any injury or disease which might lead to temporary or permanent disability;
- (c) any communicable disease which poses a risk of transmission to other members of the crew;
- (d) any injury involving broken bones, severe bleeding, broken or inflamed teeth or severe burns;
- (e) severe pain which cannot be managed on board ship, taking account of the operational pattern of the ship, the availability of suitable analgesics and the health impacts of taking these for an extended period;
- (f) suicide risk; and
- (g) a tele-medical advisory service recommending treatment ashore.

Guideline B4.1.4 – Medical assistance to other ships and international cooperation

Replace paragraph 1(k) by the following:

(k) arranging for the repatriation of the bodies or ashes of deceased seafarers, in accordance with their wishes or those of their next of kin, as appropriate, and as soon as practicable.

Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention

Standard A4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention

Replace paragraph 1(b) by the following:

(b) reasonable precautions to prevent occupational accidents, injuries and diseases on board ship, including through the provision of all necessary appropriately-sized personal protective equipment and measures to reduce and prevent the risk of exposure to harmful levels of ambient factors and chemicals, as well as the risk of injury or disease that may arise from the use of equipment and machinery on board ships;



Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention

Standard A4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention

Replace the chapeau of paragraph 5, insert new paragraph 5(a) and renumber the subsequent subparagraphs:

5. Each Member shall ensure that:

(a) all deaths of seafarers employed, engaged or working on board ships that fly its flag are adequately investigated and recorded, and reported on an annual basis to the Director-General of the International Labour Office to be published in a global register;

Guideline B4.3.5 – Reporting and collection of statistics

Insert new paragraphs 4 and 5:

4. The fatality data to be reported under subparagraph (a) of paragraph 5 of Standard A4.3 should be in the format, and using the classification, as specified by the International Labour Office.

5. The fatality data should include, but not be limited to, information on the type (classification) of death, ship type and gross tonnage, location of fatality (at sea, in port, at anchorage), and seafarer's sex, age, occupational position and department.

Amendments to Appendices

Appendix A2-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 2.5, paragraph 2

Replace item (g) by the following:

(g) name of the shipowner, or of the registered owner if different from the shipowner;

Appendix A4-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 4.2

Replace item (g) by the following:

(g) name of the shipowner, or of the registered owner if different from the shipowner;