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Shipowners Liabilities including Seafarer Compensation

UK MCA has issued Marine Guidance Note to outline changes in shipowner liability following the implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention (206) MLC, in connection with:

- the loss or foundering of the ship;
- financial security to assure compensation in the event of death or long-term disability of a seafarer due to occupational injury; and
- liability for burial/cremation costs.

The shipowner must provide financial security a contract of insurance or other security adequate to ensure that the shipowner will be able to meet any liabilities the shipowner may have under UK law or under Seafarer Employment Agreements (SEA) to provide compensation in the event of death or long term disability to seafarers arising from occupational injury, illness or hazard.

It is expected that in the overwhelming majority of cases this will take the form of an insurance or policy or mutual type cover to meet this liability. While the requirement does not preclude arrangements other than insurance, it is not expected that alternative arrangements will normally contain the necessary features to meet the obligation.

It is therefore recommended that any proposed alternative be discussed with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) well in advance of business decisions being taken.

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