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| Subject:            | MLC Special Instruction (Panama) |
| Reference:          | MLC Panama                       |

### **MLC Special Instruction**

#### **1. Panamanian ratification status of related ILO Conventions:**

ILO C74                      Ratified 4 June 1971

ILO C92                      Ratified 4 June 1971

ILO C133                     Not signatory

The Panamanian Administration has implemented Resolution No. VII wherein the following category of persons are exempt from the definition of seafarer. [MMC-265/(4) & Executive Decree 86/(Art. 3)]

-Port pilots

-Port workers

-Ship Surveyors

-Superintendents

-Workers subject to the special working regime of the Panama Canal Authority.

-Technical staff operating offshore drilling platforms or MODU; except those individuals that because of their training and qualifications, are covered by the provisions of the STCW Convention.

-Armed personnel

-Scientists

-Researchers

-Divers

-Cadets

-Specialist off-shore technicians, and others whose work is not part of the routine operation of the ship

The following documents are to be maintained on-board: [MMC-276/(2)]

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International Medical Guide for Ships  
Medical First Aid Guide for Use in Accidents Involving Dangerous Goods  
International Code of Signals, Medical Section  
Ambient Factors in the Workplace

## 2. DMLC Part II Review

The Administration issues the ship specific DMLC Part I in digital format upon request from the shipowner. [MMC-269/2]

The ship specific DMLC Part I is to be used for conducting DMLC Part II reviews and On-board Inspections.

## 3. Inspection and Certification

Upon satisfactory completion of the on board inspection, the DMLC Part II shall be signed and stamped, and the Maritime Labour Certificate (MLC) shall be issued valid for five (5) years from the date of completion of the inspection. [MMC 269/(9 & 10)]

Shipowners of vessels with a gross tonnage of 200 to 499 ITC, engaged in international voyages or voyages between ports, may request certification. The requirements relative to obtaining a DMLC Part I from the Administration, conducting a DMLC Part II review with subsequent onboard inspection. Upon successful completion a MLC may be issued. [MMC-269/(6)]

### REFERENCES:

- MLC - Panama

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