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MLC related PSC inspections and detentions

Please be advised on the increase of MLC related inspections and detentions. MLC inspections are conducted by local Port State Control including on foreign flagged ships in their national territories to verify ships are properly manned, equipped and operated in accordance with international conventions and regulations.

The most frequent deficiencies resulted in detentions are:

- non- payment of wages
- manning levels
- health and accident prevention
- hours of work and rest
- food and catering
- accommodation

The shipowners are to be aware that whenever they will call at a port of a country that has ratified the MLC, the Convention will apply. That means local PSC may come on board and carry out an inspection, and should deficiencies be noted, action is very likely to follow. Fines and even bans may be imposed; therefore, it is necessary to have a clear understanding of the MLC's requirements as well as having a clear company policy for practical compliance. This requires training and education throughout the organization.

The "Human Element" is the key to loss prevention and the safety of voyage. Well rested and well cared for seafarers make for safer ships, with less down time and claims, all of which contribute towards a company's bottom line.

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