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To	All Surveyors/Auditors
Applicable to flag	All Flags
Title	On-Board Inspection and Certification
Reference	CONARINA – Instructions- MLC

On-Board Inspection and Certification

Upon satisfactory completion of Initial or Renewal Inspections, a full-term Maritime Labour Certificate (MLC) may be issued.

Where the Administration has issued a combined DMLC Part I and Part II in a single document with sequential page numbering, and the shipowner has prepared an addendum to the DMLC Part II independent of the combined DMLC Part I & II issued by the Administration, the following actions are to be taken by the MLC inspector upon successful completion of the initial inspection:

Combined DMLC Issued by the Administration:

- Endorse the last page of the DMLC Part II.

Addendum to the DMLC Part II provided by the Shipowner:

- Endorse last page, where a signature block is provided

Ships less than 500 ITC seeking certification are to have their DMLC Part II reviews and inspections to be conducted.

2014 amendments to MLC 2006

Each vessel shall maintain onboard documentation relative to financial security to demonstrate compliance with ILO MLC Regulation 2.5 (Repatriation) and Regulation 4.2 (Shipowners' Liability). Revised Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Parts I and II (i.e. parts containing regulations 2.5 and 4.2) and the documentation relative to financial security must be verified by the first renewal MLC Inspection for ships MLC certified prior to 18 January 2017.

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2016 amendments to MLC 2006

The 2016 amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, entered into force on 8 January 2019, and introduce guidelines to better protect seafarers against shipboard harassment and bullying.

Shipowners and ship managers are advised to review their management systems to ensure they include procedures for the elimination of harassment and bullying on board ships.

Seafarer Complaints

The Administration has provided the following contact information for processing seafarer complaints:

The complainant seafarer shall submit his/her complaint to his superior officer in writing. Where a solution cannot be found at this level, the complaint is to be referred to the head of the department. The department head shall interview the seafarer with a view to solving the complaint. If the seafarer is not satisfied with the way the complaint has been handled, he/she may request an interview with the master. If no satisfactory resolution is obtained, the seafarer may appeal to the management of the company. If no satisfactory resolution is achieved the seafarer may resort to forwarding the appeal to the Administration.

If a seafarer states to the master his desire to make a complaint to the Registrar-General, or to an inspector or to a consular officer, against any member of the crew including the master, the seafarer shall be allowed to go ashore to facilitate communication of the complaint as soon as the service of the ship will permit.

REFERENCES:

- CONARINA – Instructions- Courtesy of Malta Administration.
- ATTACHMENTS: No

Kindest Regards,

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