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To all Registered Owners, Registered bareboat Charterers
Managers and Representatives of Ships flying the Cyprus Flag
Recognized and Authorized Classification Societies

To all Owners Managers and Representatives of ships under a foreign flag calling at
Cyprus ports

**Subject: Amendments of 2014 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006-
Entry into force on 18 January 2017**

I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No. 24/2012, No. 38/2012 and No. 16/2013, I wish to inform you of the adoption, under the tacit acceptance procedure, of the Amendments of 2014 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 which were approved by the 103rd Session of the International Labour Conference, in accordance with Article XV, of the Convention which sets out the simplified amendment procedure adopted in respect of the Convention.

These amendments relate to Standard A2.5, Repatriation (abandonment of seafarers) and Standard A4.2, Shipowners Liability (claims for compensation in the case of a seafarer's death or long term disability due to occupational injury or illness)

I would like to inform you that the above mentioned amendments will enter into force on 18th January, 2017. The full text of the amendments is available through the link below:
http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_248905.pdf

1. Certification

All Maritime Labour Certificates (MLC) and Declarations of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) issued before 18th January 2017, will remain valid until the first renewal or intermediate inspection. However shipowners must comply with new requirements as from January 18th 2017.

2. Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC)

All DMLC Part I issued prior January 18th 2017, will remain valid until next vessels MLC renewal or intermediate inspection whichever comes first.
For vessels registered under Cyprus flag on or after the 18th January 2017, the amended DMLC Part I will be issued.



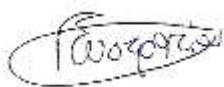
For existing vessels although DMLC Part I remains valid, shipowners are expected to update their DMLC II, initially by way of an addendum, to reflect the new requirements and this will be acknowledged in the inspection report produced at the next attendance of the Recognized Organization for MLC, 2006 inspection as will any other consequent changes to MLC documentation, manuals, etc.

Moreover for existing vessels, shipowners shall submit to the DMS/Cyprus-MLC, 2006 Contact Point electronically (**E-Mail: mlc@dms.mcw.gov.cy**) at approximately 45 days prior next vessels renewal or intermediate inspection, an application duly completed for the issuance of the amended DMLC Part I. The application can be downloaded from our official web site.

3. The Seafarers' Division of the Department will be at the disposal of, Owners, Managers and anyone concerned with the matter for any explanations and clarifications they may require.

It is also noted that the aforementioned Amendments of 2014 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 will be applicable also by the Cyprus Port State Control authorities to foreign vessels calling at ports of the Republic of Cyprus. Relevant is section 5 of the MLC Ratification Law 6(III)/2012.

This Circular must be placed on board ships flying the Cyprus Flag.



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