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MARINE NOTICE 13-021 – MLC, 2006 TITLE 2.5: REPATRIATION

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, MASTERS, REGISTRATION OFFICERS AND
RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

Subject: MLC, 2006 TITLE 2.5: REPATRIATION

1. Background

- 1.1 The International Labour Organization’s (ILO) Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC,2006) replaces the ILO Repatriation of Seamen Convention No. 23 and the Repatriation of Seafarers Convention (No. 166) which required ratifying countries to set out in national laws or regulations the particulars to be provided for the repatriation of seafarers.
- 1.2 The MLC, 2006 Regulation 2.5 and Standard A2.5 – Repatriation requires that ratifying countries set out national laws and regulations or other measures or in collective agreements the circumstances and entitlements to be provided for the repatriation of seafarers.
- 1.3 The Republic of Palau in the Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations, Section 7.11 describes the requirements and regulations towards MLC, 2006 Regulation 2.5 and Standards A2.5 which are applicable to all vessels for which the MLC, 2006 applies.

2. Objective

- 2.1 The objective of this Marine Notice is to provide the shipowner with the requirements to be presented to the Palau International Ship Registry at the time of the MLC, 2006 Inspection as evidence that the MLC, 2006 Regulation 2.5 and Standard A2.5 and the Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations Chapter 7.11 are met.



3. Repatriation

- 3.1 Shipowners shall maintain financial security to ensure that seafarers are duly repatriated.
- 3.2 The financial security system may be in the form of, inter alia, social security schemes, insurance, a national fund, or other forms of financial security.
- 3.3 The shipowner shall ensure that the financial security system provides for the expenses relating to the repatriation of the seafarer. The expenses and any entitlements are to be met without cost to the seafarer, as specified in Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations Chapter 7.11.
- 3.4 Any document(s) of evidence of financial security system should include:
 - 3.4.1 name of the ship;
 - 3.4.2 port of registry of the ship;
 - 3.4.3 IMO number or call sign of the ship;
 - 3.4.4 Name of the provider of the financial security;
 - 3.4.5 Place of business of the provider of the financial security;
 - 3.4.6 Name of the shipowner;
 - 3.4.7 Period of validity of the financial security;
 - 3.4.8 Should be provided in the English language.
- 3.5 Seafarer's shall not be required to serve on board a ship for a period exceeding 12 months, before being entitled to repatriation.
- 3.6 The shipowner shall not require that seafarers make an advance payment towards the cost of repatriation at the beginning of their employment.
- 3.7 The shipowner shall not recover the cost of repatriation from the seafarer's wages except where the seafarer has been discharged after being found to be in serious default of the seafarer's employment obligation in the seafarer's employment agreement, in accordance with the Republic of Palau Maritime Regulations Chapter 7.11 (f)
- 3.8 A DMLC Part I, Interim MLC or Full Term MLC Certificate will be issued after verification of the evidence of financial security towards repatriation.

4. Palau International Ship Registry Contact:

For inquiries regarding additional information pertaining to the Repatriation of Seafarers please direct your request to the Head Office of the Maritime Administrator, Republic of Palau.

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