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To: Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Masters and Classification Societies

Dear Madam/Sir,

**The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions)
(Amendment) Regulation 2019**

The Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions) (Amendment) Regulation 2019, hereafter referred to as “Cap.478AF amendment”, implementing the latest Maritime Labour Convention’s requirements is ready and available for public perusal (<https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/hk/2019/ln173!en>). It will come into operation on a day to be appointed by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics.

When the Cap.478AF amendment comes into operation, existing Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance – Part I, hereafter referred to as “DMLC Part I”, issued by us will be amended to align with the Cap.478AF amendment. The shipowners, ship managers and ship masters are required to have the amended DMLC Part I on board on or before the coming Maritime Labour Convention Inspection after the Cap.478AF amendment comes into operation. Application for the amended DMLC Part I will start after announcement of commencement of the Cap.478AF amendment through the existing channel.

The draft amended DMLC Part I is attached for your awareness.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at ss_css@mardep.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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