

Subject

Inspection and certification relating to the entry into force of the 2022 Amendments to the MLC, 2006 on 23 December 2024 (Part 2)

# ClassNK Technical Information

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To whom it may concern

As you are aware by ClassNK Technical Information No. TEC-1327 issued on 28 June 2024, the 2022 Amendments to the MLC, 2006 will enter into force on 23 December 2024 in the countries that have ratified the MLC, 2006. In this regard, ClassNK's policy for the inspection and the information/instructions from the flag administrations as of 29 November 2024 are summarized below for your reference.

[Inspections by ClassNK]

In line with the 2022 Amendments, ClassNK intends to conduct the following inspections in addition to the flag requirements.

Inspection timing	Initial inspection or first periodical inspection conducted on or after 23 December 2024, whichever comes earlier.
Inspection content onboard	Mainly, compliance with the following amended requirements will be confirmed onboard. [A3.1] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Providing social connectivity as recreational services for seafarers (Most of flag administrations consider social connectivity as internet access and shipowners are encouraged to provide internet access to seafarers at reasonably practicable with charges being reasonable in amount.)</li></ul> [A3.2] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Providing free food and drinking water to seafarer</li><li>● Providing balanced and nutritious meals to seafarer</li><li>● Inspection of supplies of food and drinking water in relation to their quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety by master (There are no specific standards for the quantity, nutritional value and variety of food, but shipowners are encouraged to define the standards and document procedures in manuals.)</li></ul> [A4.3] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Providing appropriately sized personal protective equipment to all of seafarers (Personal protective equipment generally includes work clothes, safety shoes, goggles, helmets and work gloves.)</li></ul>

(To be continued)

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	In addition, in case there are already provisions in applicable CBA, etc., attention should be paid to those provisions. Further, other requirements imposed in member states (Amended requirements of A1.4, A2.5.1 and A4.1) depends on how member states stipulate their detailed provisions (such as requiring shipowners to take some kind of action), so attention should be paid to the instructions from each flag administration.
Document review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revision of DMLC Part II and/or various manuals referenced in DMLC Part II is necessary if required by the flag administrations or where conflict provisions already exist.</li> <li>● In case the revision of DMLC Part II following the 2022 Amendments is required, the revision should be made until the first renewal inspection on or after 23 December 2024, unless otherwise instructed by the flag administration. The revised version of DMLC Part II should be submitted to RO or the flag administration, and it should be kept onboard once the review has been completed. However, regardless of whether the documents have been revised or not, the amended requirements should be complied with onboard from 23 December 2024.</li> </ul>

[Information/Instructions from flag administrations]

As various flag administrations have already issued the circulars, notices, etc. concerning the 2022 Amendments, please refer to their website. Especially, if the flag administration has revised DMLC Part I, please kindly note that it would be required to apply to the flag administration for the issuance of new DMLC Part I. For your reference, the circulars and other documents already issued are listed in attachment 1 (table of information by flag administrations), as far as ClassNK has confirmed them by November 2024. The listed documents are also cited on ClassNK following website. Upon receiving further announcements of new or revised circulars from the flag administrations, the information on ClassNK website will be updated.

<https://www.classnk.or.jp/hp/en/activities/statutory/mlc/flag/index.html>

(HOME > Products & Services > Statutory Services > ILO/MLC, 2006 > Circulars issued by Flag States)

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Attachment:

1. Table (Information by flag administrations as of 29 November 2024)

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Table (Information by flag administrations as of 29 November 2024)

Flag	Circulars and/or other documents	Revision of DMLC Part I	Special requirements
BARBADOS	• B007	None	• DMLC Part II should be updated no later than the first renewal inspection on or after 23 December 2024.
BERMUDA	• Bermuda Merchant Shipping Guidance Notice 2024-03	None	• Nil
COOK ISLANDS	• Circular-301-2024	None	• Nil
CYPRUS	• Circular No.31/2024	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shipowners/Shipmanagers are expected to update their DMLC Part II, initially by way of an addendum and also to change their policy as well as their procedures, manuals and related documentation to reflect the new requirements/amendments.</li> <li>• Vessels which will be registered on Cyprus flag on or after 23 December 2024 must have a new DMLC Part II updated with the latest amendments.</li> </ul>
HONG KONG	• HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE No.55/2024	None	• To ensure the implementation of amendments, enhancement of the seafarers' employment agreement may be necessary.
KIRIBATI	• MARINE CIRCULAR 09/2024	Done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DMLC Part I and II should be updated no later than the first renewal inspection on or after 23 December 2024.</li> <li>• The updated DMLC Part I &amp; II are to be appended to the vessel's existing MLC as evidence of compliance with the amendments.</li> </ul>
LIBERIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Advisory: 24/2024</li> <li>• MARINE NOTICE MLC-001 Rev.08/24</li> <li>• MARINE NOTICE MLC-002 Rev.08/24</li> <li>• MARINE NOTICE MLC-003 Rev.08/24</li> <li>• MARINE NOTICE MLC-004 Rev.08/24</li> <li>• MARINE NOTICE MLC-005 Rev.08/24</li> </ul>	Done	• DMLC Part I and II should be updated no later than the first renewal inspection on or after 23 December 2024.

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MARSHALL ISLANDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MG No.7-44-1</li> <li>• MG No.7-44-2</li> <li>• MG No.7-47-1</li> <li>• MN No.7-042-1 Rev. Jun/2024</li> <li>• MN No.7-044-1 Rev. Jul/2024</li> <li>• MN No.7-045-1 Rev. Jun/2024</li> <li>• MN No.7-049-1 Rev. Jun/2024</li> <li>• MN No.7-052-1 Rev. Jun/2024</li> <li>• MN No.7-052-3 Rev. Jun/2024</li> <li>• MN No.2-011-33 Rev. Jul/2024</li> <li>• MSA No.09-24</li> </ul>	Done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All DMLC Part Is issued before July 2024, will remain valid may continue to be maintained until the vessel's next intermediate or renewal inspection on or after 23 December 2024. (DMLC Part I should be updated no later than the first intermediate or renewal inspection at earliest opportunity on or after 23 December 2024)</li> </ul>
PANAMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MMN -06/2024</li> </ul>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nil</li> </ul>
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIRCULAR N° MLC 013</li> </ul>	Done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing MLC and DMLCs that have been issued prior to the entry into force of the amendments will continue to remain valid, however, they shall be renewed no later than the date of the first renewal inspection on or after 23 December 2024 following entry into force of the amendments.</li> </ul>
TUVALU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MARINE CIRCULAR MC-1/2022/1</li> </ul>	Done	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing MLC and DMLCs that have been issued prior to the entry into force of the amendments shall continue to remain valid, however, they shall be renewed no later than the date of the first renewal inspection following entry into force of the amendments.</li> <li>• The Administration recommends that shipowners start applying for a new DMLC Part I and submit an updated DMLC Part II to the respective RO prior to 23 December 2024 (entry into force of the amendments) displaying the measures adopted to ensure ongoing compliance with the new requirements.</li> </ul>
UNITED KINGDOM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIN714(M)</li> </ul>	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK vessels are not required to amend their DMLC-II until new MLC 2006, amendments are put into effect in UK laws in 2025 and the MCA issues the new DMLC-I for the vessel.</li> </ul>