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Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006 inspection and certification requirements

Notice to :

Ship Owners / Manager / operators / Surveyors

INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Sirs,

All ships (covered by the Convention), will be subject to an inspection for compliance with all relevant national requirements implementing the MLC, 2006, and will enter into force on 20th Aug. 2013.

Ships of 500 GT and above that go on international voyages or that operate between or from ports in another country must carry a certificate that the working and living conditions of seafarers on the ship have been inspected and met the national requirements implementing the MLC, 2006.

The working and living conditions that must be inspected and approved before the ship can be certified are listed in Appendix A5-I of the MLC, 2006.

For ships that must carry a certificate (as outlined above) the following should be issued:

Maritime Labour Certificate;

and

Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC).

The Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) is in two parts (Part I and Part II). The DMLC Part I is drawn up by the competent authority where as DMLC Part II is drawn up by ship owners to identify the measures that they will adopt to ensure initial and ongoing compliance with the national requirements between inspections. DMLC Part II has to be reviewed and approved by the competent authority or CLASS acting as a Recognized Organization (RO) on behalf of the flag Administration, before a Maritime Labour Certificate is issued.

The Maritime Labour Certificate is issued for a period not exceeding five years and the DMLC Parts I and II must be attached to it. For the flag Administrations that have not ratified the MLC, 2006 a Statement of Compliance will be issued for a period not exceeding five years and the DMLC Parts I and II should be attached to it. Following the issuance of the Maritime Labour Certificate or Statement of Compliance an intermediate inspection should also be carried out between the second and third anniversary dates and is as thorough as a renewal or a first inspection.

If a flag State chooses to issue an Interim Maritime Labour Certificate or Statement of Compliance this will be allowed, namely:

- **To new ship on delivery;**
- **When a ship changes flag; or**
- **When a ship owner assumes responsibility for the operation of a ship which is new to that ship owner.**



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In case an Interim Maritime Labour Certificate or Statement of Compliance is issued the validity is for maximum six months and an inspection must be carried out prior to expiry of the certificate. In case of interim certification, a draft DMLC Part II should be submitted to the competent authority or CLASS acting as a Recognized Organization (RO) for review and approval.

THE PROCEDURE FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

- CLASS has already trained inspectors and is fully prepared for the inspection and certification requirements under the MLC, 2006. All ship owners should start requesting from the flag Administrations the issuance of ship specific DMLC Part I.
- The ship owners should prepare the DMLC Part II based on the requirements of DMLC Part I to show compliance with the national requirements.
- The DMLC Parts I and II shall be submitted for review. Upon successful review the Owner will be informed and should arrange for the initial inspection to be conducted.

The above procedure varies based on the certification requirements of each flag Administration. According to the P.M.S Recognized Organization, summarized on the table below.

Flag Administration	Issuance of DMLC Part I	Review of DMLC Part II against Part I	Inspection and Certification
TOGO	Registration officer	Recognized Organization (RO)	Recognized Organization (RO)

Togo flag will only issue the DMLC Part I and send to the requestor or manager to prepare the DMLC Part II.

The MLC will be issued by the RO after inspection and review and approval of the DMLC Part II.

Operators and Master are required to directly apply to this Flag Administration for the DMLC Part (1) (Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance) as following procedure:

- 1- To obtain certification for DMLC Part I, the requestor shall prepare the application form and send To (reg@togoregistrar.com) by email:
- 2- After receiving and reviewing the application, this Administration will issue DMLC Part I, and this copy will be sent to the requestor by email first ,thereafter dispatch the original to the requestor by courier .
- 3- The application for request DMLC part I is herewith attached.

* Please refer to the ILO website
MLC - Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (Entry into force: 20 Aug 2013
Ratifications for Togo.



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in case CLASS will be reviewing the DMLC Part II against the requirements of DMLC Part I, attestation letter will be issued from CLASS Head Office confirming that the DMLC Part II has been submitted for review and approval.

Upon satisfactory completion of the review, CLASS Head Office will be issuing a review letter confirming that the DMLC Part II complies with the national requirements outlined in DMLC Part I. The review letter should be placed on board the ship prior the inspection.

Maritime Labour Inspectors will endorse on board the ship the DMLC Part II following successful inspection of the ship and issue the Maritime labour certificate or statement of compliance as applicable.

* The Convention requirements cover such areas as conditions of employment, health, medical care, welfare, social security, accommodation and recreation facilities, and food and catering.

1) Text of MLC, 2006

You shall be able to get PDF File (English) of MLC, 2006, at following ILO website.

[Maritime Labour Convention 2006](#)

2) Text of Guideline for Flag State Inspection Under the MLC, 2006

You shall be able to get PDF File (English) of the Guideline at following ILO website.

[Guidelines for flag State inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006](#)

3) Text of Guideline for Port State Inspection Under the MLC, 2006

You shall be able to get PDF File (English) of the Guideline at following ILO website.

[Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006](#)

ACT NOW

Ship Owners / Managers / Operators shall contact P.M.S Head Office for review DMLC II, and conducting MLC inspection in order to issue the interim & full term Maritime Labour Certificate as applicable.

For ship under 500 GRT; Ship Owners / Managers / Operators can meet benefits of MLC 2006 by applying for Voluntary MLC Certification.

P.M.S Surveyors shall act according to the above and verify the implementation of MLC 2006 on board and on shore.

Kind Regards,

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