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CIRCULAR LETTER

REGARDING THE LATEST AMENDMENTS TO MLC 2006 CONVENTION

No. 1-18 dated 14th of January 2021

To: *Classification Societies (CS's) / Recognised organisations (RO's), registered ship owners, registered bareboat charterers, managers, masters and representatives of ships flying the flag of Republic of Moldova, others concerned.*

Subject: 2018 amendments to MLC 2006 Convention

Background

The MLC 2006 Convention entered into force on August 20th, 2013.

The amendments adopted on 27th of April 2018 entered into force at 26th of December 2020.

The amendments address the following:

2018 amendments:

-Regulation 2.1., Standard A2.1 (Seafarers' employment agreements)

Seafarers Employment Agreements (SEAs): Standard A2.1 was amended to establish that an SEA will continue to have effect while seafarer is held captive on or off the ship as a result of piracy or armed robbery against ships, regardless of the dates in their contract.

and Regulation 2.1., Standard A2.2 (Wages)

Wages: Standard 2.2 has been amended to ensure that SEAs of seafarers held captive as a result of piracy or armed robbery will continue to have effect, including for the payment of wages and other entitlements until the seafarer is released and duly repatriated or date of death is determined.

-Regulation 2.5., Guideline B2.5.1 (Entitlement)

Entitlement: Guideline B 2.5.1 was amended to ensure that entitlement of seafarers to repatriation does not lapse if they are held captive as result of piracy or armed robbery.