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## CIRCULAR LETTER

### REGARDING THE LATEST AMENDMENTS TO MLC 2006 CONVENTION

No. 1-18 dated 14<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The amendments adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 entered into force at 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

This Circular Letter is to provide guidance on compliance with the latest amendments to MLC 2006 Convention.

### **Guidance**

1. Republic of Moldova is not a part to MLC 2006 Convention, and, in this regard, a duly authorized Recognized Organization (RO) will issue, on behalf of the flag state, a Statement of Compliance with MLC 2006.
2. The Naval Agency of Republic of Moldova (NARM), as Flag State Administration, will issue a revised DMLC Part I to all ship owners, upon their request.
3. Request for issuing revised DMLC Part I should be submitted in the form provided in Annex no. 1 to this Circular letter.
4. Ship owners are advised to require a revised DMLC Part I to be issued or renewed at the earliest opportunity, but not later than the date of the first initial/renewal inspection after the date of entry into force of the 2018 Amendments to MLC 2006 Convention (26<sup>th</sup> December 2020).
5. Ship owners are advised to complete DMLC Part II and forward it to a duly authorized Recognized Organization (RO) for review and subsequent approval.
6. Ship owners are advised to accordingly review their policies, procedures and SEAs and/or any applicable collective bargaining agree.

**Note:** *NARM advises the ship owners to keep a copy of this Circular on board in order to notify PSC authorities on the measures accepted by this Administration with respect of MLC 2018 amendments.*

**Director of Naval Agency of Republic of Moldova**  
**Igor ZAHARIA**



**APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE DECLARATION OF  
MARITIME LABOUR COMPLIANCE PART I (DMLC Part I)**

To apply for a MLC 2006, DMLC Part I, this form shall be completed and duly signed by the Shipowner(s)<sup>1</sup>.

Use one form for each ship.

**1. Information about the ship**

*Vessel name* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Imo number* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Call sign* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Gross tonnage* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of built* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Vessel type* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Shipowner* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Shipowner's address* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Shipowner's telephone number* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Recognized organization* \_\_\_\_\_  
*SMC issuer* \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Name and address for DMLC Part I destination address**

*Name* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Contact person* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Certificate of Financial Security in accordance to Regulation 2.5 and Regulation 4.2 must be attached to this application.

**Date of application** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of the applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Shipowner means the Owner of the Ship or another Organization or person, such as the manger, agent or bareboat charterer, who has assumed the responsibility for the operation of the ship from the owner and who, on assuming such responsibility, has agreed to take over the duties and responsibilities imposed on Ship-owners in accordance with this Convention, regardless of whether any other Organizations or persons fulfil certain of the duties or responsibilities on behalf of the Shipowner.