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To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Crew Manning Agents and Masters of Hong Kong registered ships

Dear Sir/Madam,

Standard Clauses for Crew Agreement for Hong Kong Registered Sea-going Ship

In order to better implement the repatriation requirements of the Guideline B2.5.1.6 of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) and section 7 “Place of return” of the Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Repatriation) Regulation (Cap. 478Q), Clause 18.1 of the “Repatriation” of “Standard Clauses for Crew Agreement for Hong Kong Registered Sea-going Ship” (the Standard Clauses) has been amended (Annex 1).

2. The word “Foreign” is also removed to make the Standard Clauses applying to Hong Kong registered sea-going ships only.

3. The Standard Clauses stipulate the minimum requirements for the terms and conditions for employment of a seafarer on a Hong Kong registered sea-going ship, and shall be referred to while making of crew agreement.

4. This Circular supersedes the preceding Circular dated 22 December 2020
5. Should you have any question, please feel free to contact the Mercantile Marine Office at telephone number: (852) 2852 3075, fax number: (852) 2545 4669, or email: mmo_mdd@mardep.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

(No signature on website copy)

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Enclosure:

Annex 1: Amended 18.1 of "Standard Clauses for Crew Agreement for Hong Kong Registered Sea-going Ship"

Annex 2: Standard Clauses for Crew Agreement for Hong Kong Registered Sea-going Ship