



香港商船資訊

HONG KONG MERCHANT SHIPPING INFORMATION NOTE

Extension of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC) to Hong Kong

To : Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Masters and Classification Societies

Summary

The purpose of this Note is to draw the attention of the parties concerned on the extension of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC) with its 2014 Amendments to Hong Kong on 20 December 2018.

1. The International Labour Organization announced that the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC) with its 2014 Amendments will be extended to Hong Kong on 20 December 2018. The new Merchant Shipping (Seafarers) (Working and Living Conditions) Regulation (Cap. 478AF) (hereafter referred to as the Regulation) will be effective on the same date to implement the requirements of the MLC. Details of the Regulation can be found on the following website: <https://www.elegislation.gov.hk>.
2. Hong Kong registered ship of 500 gross tonnage or above that is engaged on international voyage must have on board a valid Maritime Labour Certificate after the Regulation comes into operation. The current MLC Statement of Compliance onboard Hong Kong registered ships will no longer be valid on or after 20 December 2018. Shipowners and ship managers are recommended to apply the Certificate for their ships from the Marine Department's recognized organizations from now on and without delay.
3. Hong Kong registered ship of less than 500 gross tonnage that is engaged on international voyage must have on board a valid Compliance Report after the Regulation comes into operation.
4. Any enquiries on this Merchant Shipping Information Note may be directed to the Senior Surveyor of the Maritime Policy Branch at telephone number 2852 4395 or by e-mail to "hkmpd@mardep.gov.hk".

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