SEAFARERS' ADVISORY BOARD

Revision of
the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance - Part I ("DMLC-Part I") for the implementation of
the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 ("the MLC") in HKSAR

Purpose

This paper provides Members with relevant information on the revision of DMLC-Part I on implementation of Regulation 5.1.3 and paragraph 10 of Standard A5.1.3 of the Code to the MLC in HKSAR.

Background

2.   Paragraph 10(a) of Standard A5.1.3 of the Code to the MLC requires that DMLC-Part I, which is drawn up by the competent authority, shall be attached to the maritime labour certificate for ships of 500 gross tonnage or over engaged in international voyage.

3.   DMLC-Part I shall identify the national requirements embodying the relevant provisions of the MLC by providing a reference to the relevant national legal provisions. In order to keep the Hong Kong DMLC-Part I in line with the above requirements and include the 2018 amendments to the MLC ("Protection of seafarers held captive as a result of piracy or armed robbery"), the existing DMLC-Part I shall be revised accordingly.

The Revision

4.   The existing DMLC-Part I shall be revised in principle as follows:

.1   It will provide a reference to the relevant legal provisions of

HKSAR for embodying the relevant requirements of the MLC including the 2018 amendments to the MLC; and

.2   the wording of the revised DMLC-Part I will follow closely to the relevant legal provisions of HKSAR as much as possible.

Way Forward

5.   There is no material change to the existing Hong Kong DMLC-Part I in the revised DMLC-Part I apart from the inclusion of the 2018 amendments to the MLC. The revised DMLC-Part I will be ready for issuing to Hong Kong registered ships and the parts relevant to the 2018 amendments to the MLC will be for voluntary compliance only as the 2018 amendments to the MLC has yet to be extended to HKSAR.

6.   Members are invited to note this paper.

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