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**To : Shipowners, Ship Managers and Recognized Organizations**

**Maritime Labour Convention, 2006**  
**Issuance of "Statement of Compliance"**

The Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), 2006 will enter into force internationally on 20 August 2013.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) is now preparing local legislation for the implementation of the MLC, 2006 in the HKSAR. It is very unlikely that the required legislation would be in place to enable the extension of MLC, 2006 to HKSAR by 20 August 2013.

To cater to the delay in the legislative process, Hong Kong registered ships may be issued with "Statement of Compliance" to show to Port States that they are in compliance with the provisions of MLC, 2006 prior to formal acceptance of the Convention by HKSAR. As the local legislation is being drafted, this Administration has prepared DMLC-Part I (15-3-2013 version) of the HK requirements and the Guidelines for compliance for the preparation of the DMLC-Part II.

This Administration has authorised the following Recognised Organizations to issue the "Statement of Compliance" to Hong Kong registered ships on behalf of the HKSAR Government and to carry out all other duties associated with the Convention. These ROs are:-

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Korean Register of Shipping  
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The "Statement of Compliance" will be replaced with the Maritime Labour Certificate when the HKSAR has formally accepted the MLC, 2006 provided that there is no difference of the requirements between the attached DMLC-Part I (15-3-2013 version) and those stipulated in the local legislation at the time of the conversion.

The following are the procedures for the issuance of the "Statement of Compliance" from ROs:-

- (1) Shipowner / Ship Manager to fill in the 'Name of ship', 'IMO number' and the 'Gross tonnage' of the HK registered ship in the DMLC-Part I prepared by this Administration as given in the attached.
- (2) Shipowner / Ship Manager to complete the DMLC-Part II by identifying measures adopted to ensure ongoing compliance with the requirements stipulated in DMLC-Part I between inspections and the measures proposed to ensure that there is continuous improvement. The attached Guidelines is to assist shipowners and ship managers on the compliance.
- (3) Shipowner / Ship Manager to apply to one of the ROs to review the DMLC-Part II and carry out verification inspection of the DMLC-Part II. On satisfactory completion of the inspection, RO will endorse the DMLC-Part II for the subsequent issuance of the "Statement of Compliance".

For any queries related to the above arrangement on the issuance of the "Statement of Compliance", the DMLC-Part I (15-3-2013) and the Guidelines, please feel free to contact the Multi-lateral Policy Division of HKMD at :

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**Encl.**

- (a) HK-DMLC-Part I (15-3-2013 version)
- (b) Guidelines on the compliance of the HK-DMLC-Part I