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MARINE CIRCULAR

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FOR: Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Ship Masters, Ship Officers, Classification Societies, Flag State Inspectors

SUBJECT: SUGGESTED STEPS FOR SHIP OWNERS / OPERATORS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION 2006 (MLC 2006)

DEFINITIONS:

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “DMLC” – Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance
- “GT” – Gross Tonnage in accordance to ITC 69
- “IMO” – International Maritime Organization
- “ITC 69” – International Convention on the Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969
- “MLC 2006” – Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
- “MLCert” – Maritime Labour Certificate
- “RO” – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19).

The term “Administration” shall mean the Tuvalu Ship Registry.

PURPOSE:

This marine circular seeks to provide ship owners / operators with suggested steps that they may take in order to obtain certification for MLC 2006.

REFERENCES:

- (a) Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
- (b) Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention 2006) Regulations
- (c) Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-13/2012/1

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1. Perform Gap Analysis

Ship owners / operators should first carry out a gap analysis of the ship and company policies against the Administration’s MLC 2006 provisions as listed on the FORM DMLC that is available for download at www.tvship.com under <Downloads> / <Forms> / <Crewing Related Forms>. For more information, please refer to Tuvalu Marine Circular MC-13/2012/1 which is available to download at www.tvship.com under <Downloads> / <Marine Circulars>.

2. Highlight areas of concern to the Administration

2.1. After a gap analysis is carried out, the ship owner / operator should highlight to the Administration any areas where substantial equivalency or exemption may be permitted through the completion and submission of FORM DMLC.

2.2. All correspondences to the Administration relating to section 2.1 above should be directed to: support@tvship.com and technical@tvship.com

3. Application for DMLC Part I

- 3.1. After completing Section 1 and 2 above, the ship owner / operator should submit the completed FORM DMLC for issuance of the ship specific DMLC Part I to the Administration via email to: support@tvship.com and technical@tvship.com
- 3.2. Upon receipt of a properly completed FORM DMLC, the ship specific DMLC Part I will be issued and an electronic copy will be sent to the applicant while the original is arranged for courier to the applicant's designated address.

4. Preparing DMLC Part II

- 4.1. Upon receipt of the DMLC Part I, the ship owner / operator should (in consultation with the RO who will be carrying out the certification of the DMLC Part II on behalf of Tuvalu) proceed to prepare the DMLC Part II.
- 4.2. The following ROs have been authorized by this Administration to carry out inspection and certification functions under the MLC 2006 on behalf of Tuvalu:
 - 4.2.1. American Bureau of Shipping (ABS)
 - 4.2.2. Bureau Veritas (BV)
 - 4.2.3. China Classification Society (CCS)
 - 4.2.4. Croatian Register of Shipping (CRS)
 - 4.2.5. Det Norske Veritas (DNV)
 - 4.2.6. Germanischer Lloyd (GL)
 - 4.2.7. Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
 - 4.2.8. Korean Register of Shipping (KRS)
 - 4.2.9. Lloyd's Register (LR)
 - 4.2.10. Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (NK)
 - 4.2.11. Polski Rejestr Statkow (PRS)
 - 4.2.12. Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)
 - 4.2.13. Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RS)
- 4.3. The electronic format of DMLC Part II is available for download at www.tvship.com under <Downloads> / <Forms> / <Crewing Related Forms>.

5. Inspection Guidelines

Once the DMLC Part I and Part II is completed, ship owner / operator may then proceed to arrange for the RO to carry out the survey/inspection for issuance of MLCert which may include preparatory documentation review ashore prior to the onboard inspection. Details should be obtained from the respective RO of choice.

Yours sincerely,

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Tuvalu Ship Registry