

CIRCULAR NO. 80***PORTUGUESE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION***

SUBJECT | Amendments to MLC

To | Owners/Operators/Companies of Portuguese Ships, Recognized Organizations, Masters of Portuguese Flag Vessels

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REFERENCES | Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006
MLC 2022 Amendments

1. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this circular is to inform the procedure to be implemented, established by this Administration, in order to comply with the acceptance concerning the Amendments of 2022, and entering into force on 23 December 2024, of the Maritime labour Convention (MLC), which shall be applied over Portuguese flagged ships.

2. APPLICATION

This circular concerns the amendments of 2022 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 which were approved by the 110th Session of the International Labour Conference and entered into force on 23 December 2024.

Namely, it directly addresses the following:

- Regulation 1.4 Recruitment and placement, Standard A1.4
- Regulation 2.5 Repatriation, Standard A2.5.1
- Regulation 3.1 Accommodation and recreational facilities, Standard A3.1, Guideline B3.1.11
- Regulation 3.2 Food and catering, Standard A3.2

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- Regulation 4.1 Medical care on board ship and ashore, Standard A4.1, Guideline B4.1.3, Guideline B4.1.4
- Regulation 4.3 Health and safety protection and accident prevention, Standard A4.3, Guideline B4.3.5
- Regulation 4.4 - Access to shore-based welfare facilities, Guideline B4.4.2
- Amendments to Appendices
 - Appendix A2-I Evidence of financial security under Regulation 2.5, paragraph 2
 - Appendix A4-I Evidence of financial security under Regulation 4.2

3. IMPLEMENTATION

The Administration does expect that the shipowners, operators or the person in charge of a Portuguese flag ship according to the definition of shipowner indicated in Article II Paragraph j of the MLC will take all appropriate measures to comply with the amended regulations and standards of the MLC 2006 in order to provide seafarers decent and safe conditions on board and ashore.

Please note that the Maritime Labour Certificates and Declarations of Maritime Labour Compliance will remain valid until replacement. Shipowners/Shipmanagers are expected to update their (DMLC PII), initially by way of an addendum and also to change their policy, as well as their procedures, manuals and related documentation to reflect the new requirements/ amendments.

An assurance of compliance, related to the amendments, as of their date of entering into force, shall be carried out by Recognized Organizations with an agreement with the Portuguese Administration, by means of a review to be taken place during the inspection carried at the next attendance for renewal in concern to MLC, 2006



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