

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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To: All Ship owners and Shipping Company  
Attn: Operators, Masters and Officers of Merchant Ships



**Subject: Amendments of 2016 to the MLC 2006**

**Dear customer of IBICON company!**

In order to help ship owners and operators understand how to deal with Amendments of 2016 to the MLC 2006 our Company IBICON suggest You the present Information Bulletin.

Amendments of 2016 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006) were approved by the delegates at the 105<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Labour Conference overwhelmingly voted in favour of further amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, in order to better protect seafarers against shipboard harassment and bullying and to allow for an extension of the validity of full term maritime labour certificates.

- *Standard A5.1.3 Maritime Labour Certificates (MLC) and Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC)* will be amended to allow for the extension of the validity of the full-term maritime labour certificate in circumstances where ships have passed the renewal inspection but where a new full-term maritime labour certificate cannot be immediately issued and made available on board. The competent authority or the recognized organization duly authorized for this purpose, may extend the validity of the full-term Maritime Labour Certificate for a period of five (5) months from the expiry date of the existing full-term certificate and endorse -on board- the full-term certificate accordingly.
- *Guideline B4.3.1 – Provisions on occupational accidents, injuries and diseases* will be amended at paragraph 1 to refer to the latest version of the *Guidance on eliminating shipboard harassment and bullying* and at paragraph 4 with the addition of a new subparagraph (d) harassment and bullying.
- *Guideline B4.3.6 – Investigations* will be amended to include a new subparagraph (g) problems arising from harassment and bullying.

The amendments were agreed at the second meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee on 10 February 2016. It is expected that these amendments will enter into force on **July 2018**.



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Shipowners and ship managers are advised to review their safety management systems (SMS) to ensure they include procedures for the elimination of harassment and bullying on board ship.

**Our Company IBICON suggest You assistance to prepare the appropriate procedures.**



**Attachment to this IB:  
Text of the Amendments of 2016 to the MLC 2006 on two pages.**

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**Amendments adopted to the Code relating  
to Regulation 4.3 of the MLC, 2006**

***Guideline B4.3.1 – Provisions on occupational  
accidents, injuries and diseases***

At the end of paragraph 1, add the following text:

Account should also be taken of the latest version of the *Guidance on eliminating shipboard harassment and bullying* jointly published by the International Chamber of Shipping and the International Transport Workers' Federation.

In paragraph 4, move “and” from the end of subparagraph (b) to the end of subparagraph (c). Add the following new subparagraph:

- (d) harassment and bullying.

***Guideline B4.3.6 – Investigations***

In paragraph 2, move “and” from the end of subparagraph (e) to the end of subparagraph (f). Add the following new subparagraph:

- (g) problems arising from harassment and bullying.

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**Amendments to the Code relating  
to Regulation 5.1 of the MLC, 2006**

***Standard A5.1.3 – Maritime labour certificate and  
declaration of maritime labour compliance***

Move the text of the current paragraph 4 to the end of paragraph 3.

Replace the current paragraph 4 with the following:

Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of this Standard, where, after a renewal inspection completed prior to the expiry of a maritime labour certificate, the ship is found to continue to meet national laws and regulations or other measures implementing the requirements of this Convention, but a new certificate cannot immediately be issued to and made available on board that ship, the competent authority, or the recognized organization duly authorized for this purpose, may extend the validity of the certificate for a further period not exceeding five months from the expiry date of the existing certificate, and endorse the certificate accordingly. The new certificate shall be valid for a period not exceeding five years starting from the date provided for in paragraph 3 of this Standard.

***Appendix A5-II – Maritime Labour Certificate***

Add the following text to the end of the model form for the maritime labour certificate:

*Extension after renewal inspection (if required)*

This is to certify that, following a renewal inspection, the ship was found to continue to be in compliance with national laws and regulations or other measures implementing the requirements of this Convention, and that the present certificate is hereby extended, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Standard A5.1.3, until .....  
(not more than five months after the expiry date of the existing certificate) to allow for the new certificate to be issued to and made available on board the ship.

Completion date of the renewal inspection on which this extension is based was .....

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Signed .....

(Signature of authorized official)

Place .....

Date .....

(Seal or stamp of the authority, as appropriate)