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

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Amendments of 2018 to the Code of the
Maritime Labour Convention (“MLC”), 2006 (“Amendments”)**

This circular serves to remind the Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Masters that the Amendments will enter into force on 26 December 2020. Copy of the Amendments is attached for information.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region is now preparing the commencement date of the Amendments in Hong Kong. Pending the local implementation of the Amendments in Hong Kong, this Administration will not be revising the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance – Part I.

In order to avoid any unnecessary port States control and other parties intervention, all Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Masters are urged to review their policies, procedures and Seafarers’ Employment Agreements to ensure compliance with the new requirements in the Amendments. Recognized Organizations (ROs) are also urged to confirm the compliance with the new requirements during their MLC inspections on or after 26 December 2020.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at ss_css@mardep.gov.hk.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.: Amendments of 2018 to the Code of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006