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ILO Crew Accommodation Standards

Application: all commercial vessels over 500GT engaged in international voyages and commercially operated yachts over 200GT engaged in international voyages

It is understood that Barbados registered vessels may have been considered to be at some risk from PSC due to the fact that Barbados has not ratified the International Labour Organisation (ILO) conventions No. 92 (1949) and No.133 (1970). In common with most other ILO conventions, these two conventions are due to be superseded on MLC certified vessels when the MLC Convention comes into force for Barbados on 1st July 2014.

However, the UK Statutory Instrument (SI) No.1508 1997 has been adopted into Barbados shipping legislation by means of the Applied Regulations of the Third Schedule of the Shipping Act, Cap.296. The SI is entitled "The Merchant Shipping (Crew Accommodation) Regulations 1997" and describes crew accommodation standards in detail.

SI No. 1508 is due to be superseded by a new SI which will have the effect of implementing Regulation 3.1 of The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) into UK law and which, in turn, will also be implemented into Barbados law by the instrument Cap.196. In the meantime and until MLC comes into force for Barbados, it is recommended that vessels be provided with copies of the SI No.1508 (which can be found on the internet) or ask their ROs to provide confirmation that crew accommodation on a particular ship complies with the ILO conventions Nos. 92 and 133.

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