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Subject: AB BASIC WAGES: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ILO AND IBF CALCULATIONS

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The International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC) has published [Circular \(20\)123](#), which is being circulated for informational purposes. It explains the differences between the International Labour Organization (ILO) minimum basic wage for an Able Bodied (AB) Seaman and wages set by the International Bargaining Forum (IBF).

Guideline B2.2.4 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 provides that:

The basic pay or wages for a calendar month of service for an able seafarer should be no less than the amount periodically set by the Joint Maritime Commission or another body authorized by the Governing Body of the International Labour Office.

As explained in the IMEC Circular, the IBF wages currently exceed the minimum rate established by the ILO.

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