

Amendment on 20 December 2024
Resolved by Marine Committee on 12 September 2024

Amendments of 2022 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006)

Object of Amendment

Rules for the Inspection and Registration of Maritime Labour Systems
Guidance for the Inspection and Registration of Maritime Labour Systems

Reason for Amendment

A draft amendment to the Maritime Labour Convention was finalised at the Second Session of the Fourth Meeting of the ILO's Special Tripartite Committee (STC) (5 to 13 May 2022), and approved at the 110th session of the International Labour Conference (27 May to 11 June 2022).

The amendment enters into force on 23 December 2024.

Accordingly, relevant requirements are amended to incorporate the requirements imposed on shipowners in the amendments.

Outline of the Amendment

- (1) Add related requirements to include social connectivity as a recreational facility.
- (2) Amend relevant requirements to ensure that food and drinking water are provided free of charge during the employment period and a balanced diet is provided.
- (3) Amend relevant requirements to require a documented inspection on board by the ship's master of the quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety of food and drinking water provided.
- (4) Amend relevant requirements to ensure that seafarers are provided with appropriately sized personal protective equipment.
- (5) Amend relevant requirements for certificates of repatriation and financial security in respect of seafarers' sickness, injury or death.

Effective Date and application

Effective date of this amendment is 23 December 2024.

An asterisk (*) after the title of a requirement indicates that there is also relevant information in the corresponding Guidance.

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Amended-Original Comparison Table (Amendments of 2022 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006))

Amended	Original	Remarks
RULES FOR THE INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION OF MARITIME LABOUR SYSTEMS	RULES FOR THE INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION OF MARITIME LABOUR SYSTEMS	
Appendix MARITIME LABOUR REQUIREMENTS DEEMED TO BE NECESSARY BY THE SOCIETY	Appendix MARITIME LABOUR REQUIREMENTS DEEMED TO BE NECESSARY BY THE SOCIETY	
3. Regulations Based on Maritime Labour Convention	3. Regulations Based on Maritime Labour Convention	
3.3 Accommodation, Recreational Facilities, Food and Catering (Title 3)	3.3 Accommodation, Recreational Facilities, Food and Catering (Title 3)	
3.3.1 Accommodation and Recreational Facilities (Regulation 3.1)*	3.3.1 Accommodation and Recreational Facilities (Regulation 3.1)*	
-1 (Omitted)	-1 (Omitted)	
-2 (Omitted)	-2 (Omitted)	
-3 (Omitted)	-3 (Omitted)	
-4 (Omitted)	-4 (Omitted)	
-5 (Omitted)	-5 (Omitted)	
-6 (Omitted)	-6 (Omitted)	
-7 (Omitted)	-7 (Omitted)	
-8 (Omitted)	-8 (Omitted)	
-9 (Omitted)	-9 (Omitted)	
-10 (Omitted)	-10 (Omitted)	
-11 (Omitted)	-11 (Omitted)	
-12 (Omitted)	-12 (Omitted)	
-13 <u>Social connectivity is to be included as a recreational facility.</u>	(Newly added)	Standard A3.1.17

Amended-Original Comparison Table (Amendments of 2022 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006))

Amended	Original	Remarks
3.3.2 Food and Catering (Regulation 3.2)*	3.3.2 Food and Catering (Regulation 3.2)*	
-1 Shipowners are to provide seafarers on board a ship with food <u>and drinking water</u> free of charge during the period of engagement.	-1 Shipowners are to provide seafarers on board a ship with food free of charge during the period of engagement.	Standard A3.2.2(a)
-2 Seafarers employed as ship cooks with responsibility for food preparation are to be trained and qualified for their position on board ship.	-2 Seafarers employed as ship cooks with responsibility for food preparation are to be trained and qualified for their position on board ship.	
-3 Shipowners are not to employ seafarers under the age of 18 to be engaged or work as a ship's cook.	-3 Shipowners are not to employ seafarers under the age of 18 to be engaged or work as a ship's cook.	
<p>-4 With respect to the organization and equipment of food and catering, the following requirements apply:</p> <p>(1) food and drinking water supplies, having regard to the number of seafarers on board, their religious requirements and cultural practices as they pertain to food, and the duration and nature of the voyage, are to be suitable in respect of quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety;</p> <p>(2) the organization and equipment of the catering department are to be such as to permit the provision to the seafarers of adequate, varied, <u>balanced</u> and nutritious meals prepared and served in hygienic conditions; and</p> <p>(3) catering staff are to be properly trained or instructed for their positions.</p>	<p>-4 With respect to the organization and equipment of food and catering, the following requirements apply:</p> <p>(1) food and drinking water supplies, having regard to the number of seafarers on board, their religious requirements and cultural practices as they pertain to food, and the duration and nature of the voyage, are to be suitable in respect of quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety;</p> <p>(2) the organization and equipment of the catering department are to be such as to permit the provision to the seafarers of adequate, varied and nutritious meals prepared and served in hygienic conditions; and</p> <p>(3) catering staff are to be properly trained or instructed for their positions.</p>	Standard A3.2.2(b)
<p>-5 Ship masters are to carry out frequent inspections on board ships and to record the results with respect to the following:</p> <p>(1) supplies of food and drinking water <u>in relation to their quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety</u>;</p> <p>(2) all spaces and equipment used for the storage and handling of food and drinking water; and</p>	<p>-5 Ship masters are to carry out frequent inspections on board ships and to record the results with respect to the following:</p> <p>(1) supplies of food and drinking water;</p> <p>(2) all spaces and equipment used for the storage and handling of food and drinking water; and</p>	Standard A3.2.7(a)

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(3) galleys and other equipment for the preparation and service of meals.	(3) galleys and other equipment for the preparation and service of meals.	
3.4 Health Protection, Medical Care, Welfare and Social Security Protection (Title 4)	3.4 Health Protection, Medical Care, Welfare and Social Security Protection (Title 4)	
3.4.3 Health and Safety Protection and Accident Prevention (Regulation 4.3)	3.4.3 Health and Safety Protection and Accident Prevention (Regulation 4.3)	
-1 (Omitted) (1) (Omitted) (2) reasonable precautions to prevent occupational accidents, injuries and diseases on board ship, including <u>through the provision of all necessary appropriately sized personal protective equipment and</u> measures to reduce and prevent the risk of exposure to harmful levels of ambient factors and chemicals as well as the risk of injury or disease that may arise from the use of equipment and machinery on board ships; (3) (Omitted) (4) (Omitted)	-1 (Omitted) (1) (Omitted) (2) reasonable precautions to prevent occupational accidents, injuries and diseases on board ship, including measures to reduce and prevent the risk of exposure to harmful levels of ambient factors and chemicals as well as the risk of injury or disease that may arise from the use of equipment and machinery on board ships; (3) (Omitted) (4) (Omitted)	Standard A4.3.1(b)
-2 (Omitted)	-2 (Omitted)	
-3 (Omitted)	-3 (Omitted)	
EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION		
1. The effective date of the amendments is 23 December 2024.		

Amended-Original Comparison Table (Amendments of 2022 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006))

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GUIDANCE FOR THE INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION OF MARITIME LABOUR SYSTEMS	GUIDANCE FOR THE INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION OF MARITIME LABOUR SYSTEMS	
Appendix MARITIME LABOUR REQUIREMENTS DEEMED TO BE NECESSARY BY THE SOCIETY	Appendix MARITIME LABOUR REQUIREMENTS DEEMED TO BE NECESSARY BY THE SOCIETY	
3. Regulations Based on Maritime Labour Convention	3. Regulations Based on Maritime Labour Convention	
3.2.5 Repatriation (Regulation 2.5)	3.2.5 Repatriation (Regulation 2.5)	
<p>-1 The wording “appropriate financial security system” in 3.2.5-4, Appendix of the Rules refers to one prescribed by the flag state in accordance with the requirements of Standard A2.5.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention.</p>	<p>-1 The wording “appropriate financial security system” in 3.2.5-4, Appendix of the Rules refers to one prescribed by the flag state in accordance with the requirements of Standard A2.5.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention.</p>	
<p>-2 The “information deemed appropriate by the Society” referred to in 3.2.5-5, Appendix of the Rules means the following (1) to (9) information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) name of the ship; (2) port of registry of the ship; (3) call sign of the ship; (4) IMO number of the ship; (5) name and address of the provider or providers of the financial security; (6) contact details of the persons or entity responsible for handling seafarers’ requests for relief; (7) name of the shipowner, <u>or of the registered owner if different from the shipowner</u>; (8) period of validity of the financial security; and 	<p>-2 The “information deemed appropriate by the Society” referred to in 3.2.5-5, Appendix of the Rules means the following (1) to (9) information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) name of the ship; (2) port of registry of the ship; (3) call sign of the ship; (4) IMO number of the ship; (5) name and address of the provider or providers of the financial security; (6) contact details of the persons or entity responsible for handling seafarers’ requests for relief; (7) name of the shipowner; (8) period of validity of the financial security; and 	<p>Appendix A2-I (g)</p>

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(9) an attestation from the financial security provider that the financial security meets the requirements of Standard A2.5.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention.	(9) an attestation from the financial security provider that the financial security meets the requirements of Standard A2.5.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention.	
3.4 Health Protection, Medical Care, Welfare and Social Security Protection (Title 4)	3.4 Health Protection, Medical Care, Welfare and Social Security Protection (Title 4)	
3.4.2 Shipowner’s Liability (Regulation 4.2)	3.4.2 Shipowner’s Liability (Regulation 4.2)	
-1. The wording “appropriate financial security system” in 3.4.2-3, Appendix of the Rules refers to one prescribed by the flag state in accordance with the requirements of Standards A4.2.1 and A4.2.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention.	-1. The wording “appropriate financial security system” in 3.4.2-3, Appendix of the Rules refers to one prescribed by the flag state in accordance with the requirements of Standards A4.2.1 and A4.2.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention.	
-2. The “information deemed appropriate by the Society” referred to in 3.4.2-4, Appendix of the Rules means the following (1) to (9) information: (1) name of the ship; (2) port of registry of the ship; (3) call sign of the ship; (4) IMO number of the ship; (5) name and address of the provider or providers of the financial security; (6) contact details of the persons or entity responsible for handling seafarers’ contractual claims; (7) <u>name of the shipowner, or of the registered owner if different from the shipowner;</u> (8) period of validity of the financial security; and (9) an attestation from the financial security provider that the financial security meets the requirements of Standard A4.2.1 of the Maritime Labour Convention.	-2. The “information deemed appropriate by the Society” referred to in 3.4.2-4, Appendix of the Rules means the following (1) to (9) information: (1) name of the ship; (2) port of registry of the ship; (3) call sign of the ship; (4) IMO number of the ship; (5) name and address of the provider or providers of the financial security; (6) contact details of the persons or entity responsible for handling seafarers’ contractual claims; (7) name of the shipowner; (8) period of validity of the financial security; and (9) an attestation from the financial security provider that the financial security meets the requirements of Standard A4.2.1 of the Maritime Labour Convention.	Appendix A4-I (g)
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