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Surveys of new building ships on implementation of  
MLC, 2006

# **ClassNK**

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To whom it may concern

The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 has come into force on 20 August 2006. As you know well, the Convention prescribes that ships constructed on or after the date of enforcement shall be applied to the new standards of constructions and equipment for accommodation/recreational facilities set out in the regulation 3.1 of the Convention.

ClassNK has established the Rules; "Rules for the Inspection and Registration of Maritime Labor System" (for Japanese ships, ClassNK has also amended "Rules for facilities of accommodation and sanitary") incorporated with requirements of the Convention and then verifies the compliance with requirements of constructions and equipment for accommodation/recreational facilities through the examination/approval of drawings & plans of accommodation and on-site survey as a part of the surveys during construction.

Regarding the treatment for surveys of new building ships on implementation of MLC, 2006, please kindly pay attention and respond accordingly as per attached.

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Regarding the treatment of review/approval of drawings & plans and surveys for ships new constructed which applied provisions of constructions /equipment for accommodation/recreational facilities set out in the Regulation 3.1 of the Convention, please be informed as follow:

1) Survey of new building ships under MLC, 2006

New building ships (which constructed on or after 20 August 2013) shall be applied provisions relating to construction and equipment for accommodation and recreational facilities required under the Convention.

Consequently, the ships concerned shall be required to confirm the compliance with the requirements in specification on review/approval of drawings and plans and then to survey them during construction.

2) Confirmation of subject ships

The application required provisions of construction and equipment for accommodation and recreational facilities of the Convention would be confirmed the (estimated) date of keel laying of subject ships on the application for classification and statutory services during construction.

3) Drawings & plans to be submitted

-1 Under the Rules for Maritime Labor Systems (established on 17 May 2013), it is required to submit drawings & plans to confirm the compliance with requirements relating to construction and equipment for accommodation and recreational facilities of the Convention. (refer to the attached the example of list of drawings & plans)

-2 Considering the convenience of MLC shipowner, it is ensured to confirm the compliance with the requirements in specification on review/approval of drawings and plans, submitting either following drawings & plans (including relative documents):

- (1) set of drawings covered with all requirements of the Convention; or,
- (2) set of integrated plural drawings & plans drawn up currently (attaching with the list of relative objects); or,
- (3) drawings & plans drawn up currently with complementing additional drawings & plans.

Regarding which drawings & plans (including relative documents) mentioned above (1) to (3) are submitted by the shipbuilder concerned, please kindly decide it consulting with our Branch/office in charge.

(4) Submission of drawings & plans and its review/approval

Drawings & plans to confirm compliance with provisions for construction and equipment would be submitted to our Head office (Material and Equipment Dept., EQD) or Branch/Office in charge of the concerned shipbuilder for review/approval according to as follows.

-1 Drawing/plan approval by Head office (EQD):

Regarding ships flagged with Japan, Singapore, Greece, Malta and United Kingdom required Drawing/plan approval, those drawings & plans are approved and stamped by our EQD upon the confirmation of compliance with requirements for accommodation and recreational facilities of MLC, 2006 for new building ships.

-2 Drawing/plan review by Branch/Office:

Regarding ships flagged with countries other than mentioned above -1, those drawings & plans are reviewed and examined by our branch/office in charge upon the confirmation of compliance with requirements for accommodation and recreational facilities of MLC, 2006 for new building ships.

-3 Based upon the drawings& plans approved by our Head office or examined by our Branch/office, surveyor or MLC inspector to our Branch/office in charge would conduct a on-site survey as a part of surveys during construction.

(5) Drawings/plans returned until the present moment

Regarding the application for new building ships for provisions of construction and equipment for accommodation and recreational facilities of the Convention, where it is appear the question of such application for not only the ships concerned as mentioned above 2) but also sister ships (such as series constructions) , please contact our Branch/office to confirm such application.

(6) Carriage of reviewed or approved drawings and plans onboard

Considering the convenience for periodical inspections by ClassNK and unscheduled inspections by the flag state and port state after in service, it would be highly recommended that the drawings and plans approved by our head office or examined by our Branch/office as mentioned above 4) or its copies carries onboard the ships concerned.

(7) Others

It would highly recommended to conduct kick-off meeting with shipbuilder and our Branch/office in charge to consulting the application for survey of new building ships relating to implementation of MLC, 2006.

Such meeting would be held prior to beginning of construction or earlier stage as practicable to avoid confusions at early stage as far as possible.

Thank you

**Attachment**

Example list of drawings & plans to confirm the compliance with requirements of construction and equipment for accommodation/recreational facilities to be submitted

- (1) Arrangement for crew's cabin and its specification
- (2) Piping arrangement for accommodation and sanitary facilities
- (3) Specification of air conditioning (heating and cooling) devices
- (4) Arrangement for lighting and scuttle, etc.
- (5) Arrangement for berths and furnishing in sleeping room and its specification
- (6) Plans for protecting noise and vibration
- (7) Plans for watertight

Denominations of drawings & plans mentioned above are general ones.

It may be accepted similar drawings & plans to confirm the compliance for construction and equipment.