



## MLN 4.4

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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **MLC Title 4.4 Access to shore-based welfare facilities**

This MLN provides guidance on compliance with Isle of Man (IOM) regulations which give effect to MLC 2006 Title 4.4. Implementation of these guidelines will be taken as evidence of compliance with the Isle of Man regulations.

The guidelines do not preclude the shipowner from demonstrating an equivalent or higher standard as an "alternative method" of evidence of compliance.

Documents referred to in this notice:

Maritime Labour Convention 2006

Most regulations and notices are available on the Isle of Man Government website: [www.iomshipregistry.com](http://www.iomshipregistry.com) or by contacting [marine.survey@gov.im](mailto:marine.survey@gov.im)

1. Due to the low volume of shipping traffic and trading patterns there are no ports on the Isle of Man that are regarded as 'appropriate' for the purposes of Title 4.4, however...
2. Seafarers visiting the Isle of Man have access, if desired, to all public recreational facilities, places of worship, voluntary organisations and shops.
3. While no specific seafarers' facilities exist in Isle of Man ports there are local branches of U.K. based voluntary charitable organisations concerned with seafarers' welfare that may be contacted, (i.e. Manx Marine Society, King George V (Seafarers U.K), Naval Association etc...).
4. Visiting seafarers to the Isle of Man are protected against discrimination by the Human Rights Act 2001 (Article 14) which provides anti-discrimination legislation '...on any ground such as sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status'.
5. Seafarers visiting the Isle of Man who are detained should be informed of their right to request that IOM inform the relevant flag state and state of seafarer's nationality. Consular officers from the seafarer's state of nationality will be given immediate access and regular visits.
6. Seafarers on Isle of Man vessels should not be prevented from being able to access their consuls if required when in foreign ports.

7. Seafarers on Isle of Man vessels who are detained in a foreign port should have access to consular protection.
8. When advised of the detention of a seafarer in a foreign port whose state of nationality is the Isle of Man the Isle of Man Ship Registry will promptly inform the seafarer's next of kin.