

MLN 6



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Amendments to DMLC Part II and SEAs

This MLN provides guidance on compliance with Isle of Man (IOM) regulations which give effect to MLC 2006.

Documents referred to in this notice: DMLC Part II

Maritime Labour Convention 2006

Most regulations and notices are available on the Isle of Man Government website:

www.iomshipregistry.com or by contacting marine.survey@gov.im

DMLC Part II

Now that shipowners and the Isle of Man Ship Registry have gained valuable experience in the practicalities of MLC 2006 there is one particular area that is raising questions and this is in making and recording amendments to the DMLC Part II.

The Part II is a working document and is liable to changes and amendments from inspections, internal reviews or new working practices that need to be reflected in the Part II. However, the Part II can also be a fairly substantial document and in many cases can cover a number of ships therefore any minor amendments can be a huge administrative task.

We would therefore propose that when a shipowner make changes to document numbers/versions and changes to procedures that are referenced in the Part II that these are initially recorded on an amendment/revision sheet that should be kept with the current Part II so that any changes can be easily followed.

When the shipowner deems that there are sufficient minor amendments to warrant the re-issue of the DMLC Part II they may then submit these changes to the Isle of Man Ship Registry and a new Part II will be issued. We do not want to put a timescale on when these should be submitted as this will vary depending on the individual shipowner's requirements.

Any proposed major changes to the Part II that either negatively affect the seafarer's rights or are a complete revision to a current section should be forwarded prior to their implementation for review by the Isle of Man Ship Registry and to allow the Part II to be reissued immediately.

Seafarers Employment Agreement (SEA)

Similarly there will be amendments made to an SEA that has previously been reviewed and accepted by the Isle of Man Ship Registry. It is not a requirement to have minor amendments reviewed (increases in wages/leave/indemnity cover etc). Only amendments that either negatively affect the seafarer's rights or are a reduction in previously reviewed conditions are required to be submitted for review.