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Subject: "Transitional measures relating to the entry into force of the amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, concerning amendments to the Code implementing Regulations 2.5 and 4.2 and appendices of the MLC, 2006 (MLC Amendments 2014)".

1. On the 11th of April 2014, the Special Tripartite Committee (STC), established under Article XIII of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) to keep the working of the Convention under continuous review, has adopted **amendments to the Code implementing Regulations 2.5 and 4.2 and appendices of the MLC, 2006**, to better address the situation of abandonment of seafarers and shipowners' liability for compensation for seafarers or their families in the event of a seafarer's death or long term disability. The aforementioned amendments were approved by the International Labour Conference in June 2014 and are expected to enter into force on the 18th of January 2017. The text of the amendments of 2014 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, in English and in French may be downloaded from the following URL of ILO's dedicated website for MLC:

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---relconf/documents/meetingdocument/wcms_248905.pdf

2. Furthermore, the STC adopted a Resolution for the transitional measures relating to the entry into force of the said amendments, requesting Members to recognize the need for a transitional period to issue or renew Maritime Labour Certificates and the related declarations of maritime labour compliance in accordance with the requirements of the Convention as amended. The text of the pertinent Resolution, in English, may be downloaded from the following URL of ILO's dedicated website for MLC:

http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---normes/documents/genericdocument/wcms_360943.pdf

3. Additionally, taking into account the purpose and content of the Resolution on transitional measures and in particular that the amendments are not intended to affect the validity of Maritime Labour Certificates or Declarations of Maritime Labour Compliance already issued at the time when the amendments enter into force, it is hereby acknowledged that the entry into force of the amendments should not in any way serve to invalidate the Maritime Labour Certificates and/or Declarations of Maritime Labour Compliance that have been duly issued previously in accordance with the Convention, which are still in effect, including those on Greek flagged vessels. Conducive to the above, it is highlighted that Members of the Convention when in exercise of port State control, are requested to recognize Maritime Labour Certificates and Declarations of Maritime Labour Compliance, while they are still valid, **until the first renewal inspection** following entry into force of the amendments.

4. Notwithstanding the above, attention is drawn to the fact that the aforementioned transitional measures relate only to the Maritime Labour Certificates and the Declarations of Maritime Labour Compliance and are not in any way intended to affect the rights and obligations of seafarers or shipowners onboard these ships which shall be covered by financial security in accordance with the Convention as amended, from the date when the amendments enter into force. Therefore, it is noted that a certificate or other documentary evidence of financial security issued by the financial security provider (such as a P&I Club, an insurer etc) shall be carried onboard Greek

flagged vessels and a copy shall be posted in a conspicuous place on board where it is available to the seafarers. Where more than one financial security provider provides cover, the document provided by each provider shall be carried onboard. In the event of a Greek flagged vessel being imposed under port state control with restriction of sailing for pertinent issues, the Seafarers' Labour Directorate (dner@hcg.gr) should be relatively informed.

5. The present document, as well as information on issues related to the Convention and its implementation may be accessed from the MLC dedicated part of the official website of the Hellenic Coast Guard (www.hcg.gr).

6. Shipowners' as well as Seafarers' organisations are requested to advise their members accordingly.

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