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To: All Owners, Managers and Representatives of Ships under
the Georgian Flag, Masters and Officers, Recognized
Organizations and Recognized flag State Inspectors

**References: Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
Law of Georgia “On the Labour of Seafarers”**

On February 14, 2024, the Government of Georgia deposited with the International Labour Organization (ILO) the instrument of ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) making Georgia the 105th ILO member State to have ratified the Convention.

For Georgia, the MLC, 2006 will enter into force on 14 February 2025.

On May 31, 2023, Georgia adopted a new law “on the labour of Seafarers” (hereinafter referred as “Law”). The law is in force from 1st July 2024.

The Law defines the rules for the employment and activity of seafarers on a ship sailing under the national flag of Georgia engaged in commercial activities, as well as the uniform standards and rules for the employment of seafarers with Georgian citizenship by a person engaged in crewing activities/the owner of a ship sailing under any national flag.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Circular is to inform Recognized Organizations, Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships under Georgian Flag, of the requirements of the Law of Georgia “On the Labour of Seafarers “. Shipowners may apply for the issuance of the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part I (DMLC Part I) as from the date of issue of this Circular.

2. Application

1. This Law shall apply to all ships flying the national flag of Georgia.
2. This Law shall not apply to ships that are:
 - a) engaged exclusively in inland navigation.
 - b) sailing in the shallow waters or in the area of application of port regulations.
 - c) engaged in fishing.
 - d) built of wood in the traditional manner.
 - e) state property if not used for commercial purposes

3. Delegation to Recognized Organizations

The Government of Georgia delegates according to *the Maritime Code of Georgia* and *the Law of Georgia “On the Labour of Seafarers”* its inspection and certification functions to the Classification Societies which are recognized by Maritime Transport Agency of Georgia (MTA).

4. Certification requirements

Ships required to be inspected and certified for compliance with the MLC, 2006 must carry and maintain on board a Maritime Labour Certificate as well as a Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC), Parts I and II.

Prior to the initial/renewal inspection, ship-owners should request the MTA for a new DLMC Part1, complete a new MLC Part II and submit it for approval to the RO delegated to undertake the review and approval on behalf Government of Georgia.

All involved parties are obliged to comply with the requirements in accordance with the Law of Georgia “On the Labour of Seafarers”. Administrative Responsibilities for Noncompliance with the Requirements of this Law are given in a chapter X.

Annex:

- *Law of Georgia on the “Labour of Seafarers”.*
- *Form of Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance*
- *Form of Maritime Labour Certificate*
- *Form of Interim Maritime Labour Certificate*
- *Application forms for DMLC Part I*
- *Application MLC certificate*
- *E- Format for Record of Seafarers Hours of Work and Hours of Rest*
- *E- Standard Form of Medical Certificate of the Seafarer*
- *Maritime Disciplinary Statute*
- *Model Receipt and Release Form*
- *Rules for Accommodation and Recreational Facilities, Food and Catering On-Board*
- *Table of Shipboard Working Arrangements*
- *Approval of the list of activities/jobs that pose a threat to the health and safety of seafarers under the age of 18 employed on the ship*

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