

Isle of Man Ship Registry Technical Advisory Notice



2018 MLC Amendments – Piracy and Armed Robbery

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Amendments to the Convention

Shipowners are advised that the 2018 amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention are due to enter into force with an expected date of 26th December 2020. These amendments relate to Standard A2.1(7) (Seafarer’s Employment Agreement) and Standard A2.2(7) (Wages).

The amendments include a new requirement that a Seafarer’s Employment Agreement (SEA) must remain in force while a seafarer is held captive as a result of an armed robbery or piracy incident. This means that the seafarer’s wages (including allotments) and other entitlements under the SEA must be granted as normal. This applies irrespective of the date of termination of the SEA.

Action Required by Shipowners

Shipowners should review their policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the above. The Ship Registry will not be mandating any changes to the DMLC Part II or SEA but an individual shipowner may need to amend these documents if they contain statements which contradict the new Regulations.

Further Reading

The full text of the 2018 amendments can be viewed [here](#).

Please note - The Isle of Man Ship Registry cannot give legal advice. Where this document provides guidance on the law it should not be regarded as definitive. The way the law applies to any particular case can vary according to circumstances - for example, from vessel to vessel. You should consider seeking independent legal advice if you are unsure of your own legal position.

