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Applicable to: Shipowners, shipmanagers, operators and seafarer recruitment and placement services.

MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION: UPDATE ON REQUIREMENTS FOR SEAFARER RECRUITMENT AND PLACEMENT SERVICES

1. Singapore ratified the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC), which entered into force internationally on 20 August 2013. All seafarer recruitment and placement services (SRPSs) which operate in Singapore are required to comply with the requirements of the MLC.
2. This circular provides updates on the Provisional Letter of Approval (Provisional Letter) earlier detailed in MPA Shipping Circular No. 16 of 2012, dated 22 October 2012.

Application to MPA

3. All SRPSs operating in Singapore are required to apply to the Director of Marine for approval. More details on the application process can be found in MPA Shipping Circular No. 16 of 2012.
4. Currently, SRPSs that have successfully applied to MPA are issued with a Provisional Letter. This arrangement on the issuance of Provisional Letters will continue until 20 August 2014.
5. For a SRPS already holding an existing Provisional Letter expiring before 20 August 2014, the validity of the Provisional Letter will be extended to 20 August 2014. A letter from MPA detailing the extension of the validity date of the Provisional Letter will be issued to the SRPS free of charge.

Certificate of Authorisation

6. MPA had previously informed that the Provisional Letter will eventually be replaced with a Letter of Approval (LOA) after national legislation implementing the MLC regulations is promulgated. The LOA will be re-named as a Certificate of Authorisation (COA).

7. MPA will conduct a one-time replacement exercise to replace all Provisional Letters with COAs by 20 August 2014. The fees for the issuance of the COA and relevant details will be announced at a later date.

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