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PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

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To: Ship Owners
Ship Operators
Ship Agents
Ship Masters

**Amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
Ship Owner Liability and Abandonment of Seafarers**

The Authority wishes to remind all regarding the coming into force of the 2014 amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention. These amendments came into force on the 18th of January of 2017. The Maritime Labour Convention has been implemented through the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Rules (S.L. 234.51).

The 2014 amendments introduce the requirement of a compulsory insurance or other financial security to cover the liability of and compensation by the ship owner regarding claims for death, personal injury and abandonment of seafarers. Such amendments are applicable over all ships of 500 gross tonnage or over engaged in international voyages, irrespective of flag and subject to the exemptions listed in these Rules, while such ships are in Maltese waters. In this respect, no such ship shall proceed to sea or attempt to proceed to sea on an international voyage from Maltese waters unless there is in force in respect of the ship a Maritime Labour Certificate and a Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance.

In view of the above, no ship to which these amendments apply will be allowed exit from Maltese waters without a valid insurance certificate or other valid financial security covering such liability and compensation. The respective Flag Administration shall be notified of any detention.

The above does not exonerate ship owners from complying with any Port and Flag State requirements in terms of the Maritime Labour Convention.

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