



Paris MoU – Concentrated Inspection Campaign on MLC 2006 Compliance

The Paris Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Port State Control announced on 28th July 2016 that it will be undertaking a Concentrated Inspection Campaign (CIC) on compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006. As with previous CICs, the campaign will run for a period of three months between 1st September and 30th November 2016. The objective of the campaign will be to check and verify that the minimum standards for working and living conditions pursuant to the convention have been implemented on board. Ships' procedures and measures relating to MLC 2006 will be the subject of a detailed check to ensure that there is compliance with the requirements of the Convention.

Port State Control inspectors undertaking the CIC will use a list of twelve questions and that list can be found at the following [link](#). Members are strongly recommended to forward this list to the Masters of their vessels likely to be calling at the port of a state Member of the Paris MoU during the period of the CIC in order to ensure that they and their officers are properly prepared for inspection and to minimise the risk of detention. It should be noted that if there are negative findings to any of the following questions, the ship may be considered for detention:

- (1) Are seafarers under the age of 18 excluded from tasks that are likely to jeopardise their safety or health?
- (2) Are all seafarers holding valid certificates attesting medical fitness?
- (9) For a ship not being required to carry a medical doctor, is there on board at least one seafarer, holder of a certificate of training in medical first aid or in medical care that meets the requirements of STCW?

It should also be noted that there are questions about the existence for review of records of inspection of seafarer accommodation undertaken by the Master or

other designated person, and of frequent inspections of supplies of food and drinking water, all spaces for the storage and handling of food and drinking water, the galley and equipment for the preparation and service of meals. The inspectors will also check that a ship's safety committee has been established on board ships carrying five or more seafarers.

Members are again strongly recommended to ensure that their Masters verify that the above requirements can be demonstrated.

In its press release to mark the launch of the CIC, the Secretary General of the Paris MoU, Mr Richard Schiferli said "Working and living conditions on board have always been a prime area of attention. With the introduction of the MLC enforcement opportunities have greatly improved. Three years after the entry into force, the time is right to focus on the MLC during a concentrated inspection campaign."

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