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Applicable to: Shipowners, ship managers, operators, agents, masters and crew of Singapore-registered ships, classification societies, insurers and the general shipping community

AMENDMENTS TO MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION) ACT 2014 AND OTHER RELEVANT REGULATIONS

- ***Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Act 2016***
- ***Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Financial Security) Regulations 2017***
- ***Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Forms, Certificates And Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2017***

1. This circular provides information on the entry into force of the abovementioned legislation on 18 January 2017. The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore's (MPA) Shipping Circular No. 3 of 2017/Rev.1, dated 4 January 2017 (revised on 23 January 2016) and No. 22 of 2016, dated 13 October 2016 provides more detailed information on the legislation.

2. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) at the 103rd Session of the International Labour Conference in Geneva on 11 June 2014, approved amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), to require shipowners to provide financial security to meet their obligations towards abandoned seafarers as well as to satisfy seafarers' contractual claims for compensation arising from occupational injury, illness or hazard, including for wages (MLC amendments). The MLC amendments entered into force on 18 January 2017. As a State Party to the MLC, Singapore has given effect to these MLC amendments in the form of the abovementioned legislation.

3. Singapore's legislation that gives effect to the MLC amendments seeks to address the problems faced by seafarers who have been abandoned, as well as those who have met with occupational injury, illness or hazard, by strengthening the requirements on shipowners to provide financial security to secure the seafarers' claims in these situations.

4. Copies of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Amendment) Act 2016 (No. 29 of 2016), Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Financial Security) Regulations 2017 (Government Gazette No. S25/2017) and Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Forms, Certificates and Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (Government Gazette No. S24/2017) may be purchased at:

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5. The shipping community may also access the legislation online at the following links:

- [Merchant Shipping \(Maritime Labour Convention\) \(Amendment\) Act 2016](#)
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- [Merchant Shipping \(Maritime Labour Convention\) \(Forms, Certificates and Fees\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2017](#)

6. Any queries regarding this circular should be directed to the Seafarers Management Department (Email: mmo@mpa.gov.sg; Tel: +65 6375 6224).

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