



# ST KITTS & NEVIS INTERNATIONAL SHIP REGISTRY

## MARITIME CIRCULAR – MC 131 24

REVISED REQUIREMENTS UNDER MLC FOR SHIPS BELOW 500 GT

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Maritime Circular is to advise Shipowners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators and Recognised Organisation of St. Kitts and Nevis flag ships about revised requirements of this Administration for the application of the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part I.
- 1.2. This Maritime Circular should be read in conjunction with MC 51 13 (Rev 3).

### 2. Introduction

- 2.1. The Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part I (DMLC Part I) is a document that is issued by the Flag State that outlines each element of the Flag State's laws that gives effect to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. The DMLC Part I is a reference source for inspectors in both certification and inspection of a ship. This Declaration and the associated Part II, completed by the shipowner, must be assessed together as part of the overall MLC certification process.
- 2.2. This Administration issues the DMLC Part I for the vessel on the basis of the shipowners details that are to be stated in the Part II. The shipowner in this case should always be the organization that has agreed to take over the duties and responsibilities imposed on shipowners in accordance with the Convention.

### 3. Application

- 3.1. Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 requires all ships of 500 GT and above to carry onboard a Maritime Labour Certificate complemented with DMLC Part I and Part II. It is not mandatory for a vessel of less than 500 GT to have a MLC Certificate on board, however this certificate can be issued on a voluntary basis if requested.
- 3.2. In its previous recommendations this Administration strongly recommended that shipowners of vessels of less than 500 GT voluntarily apply for a MLC Certificate in order to reduce possible problems with Port State Control.
- 3.3. With the immediate effect from the date of this Maritime Circular, this Administration requires all commercially operated ships regardless of the size and engaged in international voyages or operate from a port, or between ports, in a country other than St.Kitts and Nevis be in possession of DMLC Part I and financial security documents in accordance with 2.5 and 4.2

standards of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended. These documents should be sent to the Administration and confirmation of receipt is received.

- 3.4. The 2014 amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 require that a certificate or other documentary evidence of financial security has to be issued by the financial security provider of the shipowner. This certificate has to be carried on board the ship.
- 3.5. Consequently, this Administration requires all ships flying the flag of St. Kitts and Nevis to carry onboard a DMLC Part I to demonstrate valid insurance cover in accordance with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, and therefore encourages Shipowners, Ship Managers and Ship Operators to apply to this Administration to issue a DMLC Part I for their ships.
- 3.6. Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to a restriction of movement notice being issued in accordance with UNCLOS Article 217. Such restriction may not be lifted until the financial security documents are acknowledge by this Administration.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at [mail@skanregistry.com](mailto:mail@skanregistry.com)

Yours truly,

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