AMENDMENTS 2022 MLC, 2006 Titles 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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1. Background.

1.1. The amendments adopted by the fourth meeting of the Special Tripartite Committee (STC) were developed in two parts: Part I in a virtual format (online) from 19 to 23 April 2021; and Part II from 5 to 13 May 2022 at the headquarters of the ILO in Geneva, in a hybrid format, approved by the Conference at its One Hundred and Tenth Session in Geneva, June 6, 2022.

2. The amendments will enter into force on 23 December 2024, in accordance with Article XV, paragraph 7 of the MLC, 2006.

2.1. The amendments adopted at the fourth meeting of STC of the MLC in May 2022, area related to the recruitment and placement, repatriation, accommodation and recreational facilities/access to shore-based welfare facilities, food and catering and medical care on board ship and ashore, and Appendix A2-I (Evidence of financial security under Regulation 2.5, paragraph 2) and Appendix A4-I (Evidence of financial security under Regulation 4.2).

2.2. From December 26, 2024, the shipowners, operators or the person in charge of the Panamanian flag vessel according to the definition of shipowner indicated in the MLC (Article II Paragraph j), will take appropriate measures to comply with the regulations and standards of the MLC 2006 to provide seafarers decent and safe conditions on board and ashore.

3. The amendments do not modify:
   • Appendix A5-I, the working and living conditions of seafarers that must be inspected and approved before certifying a ship;
   • Appendix A5-II, Declaration of Maritime Labor Compliance Part I and II;
   • Appendix A5-III, on the general areas subject to a detailed inspection by an authorized officer in a port of a Member carrying out a port State control inspection pursuant to Standard A5.2.1;
4. The amendments do not modify the content of the Annual Safety Inspection form (ASI), related to maritime labour inspection.

5. The Recognized Organizations authorized by this Administration shall review compliance with these amendments, at the time of carrying out the interim, initial, intermediate or renewal audits, as of its entry into force.

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