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**To : Representatives of Gabon flagged vessels, Deputy Registrars, Ship-owners,  
Ship-operators / Managers and Masters.**

**SUBJECT:** Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2022 Amendments

**Purpose:** To provide relevant information and guidance on compliance with the 2022 amendments, which enters into force on 23 December 2024.

**Reference:**

- a) Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC 2006)
- b) Text for the amendments of 2022 to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, approved by the International Labour conference at its 110th session, Geneva, 06 June 2022.

**Application:** This marine circular applies to all Gabon flagged vessels and seafarers.

**General Information:** The 2022 Amendments were adopted on 06 June 2022 and addressed a wide range of issues related to seafarers such as recruitment, repatriation, welfare and medical care.

Existing Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance – Part I, hereafter referred to as “DMLC Part I”, issued by International Ship Registry of Gabon will be amended to align with the Amendment Regulation. The shipowners, ship managers and ship masters are required to have the amended DMLC Part I on board on or before the coming MLC Inspection on or after 23 December 2024.

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Whether or not the amended DMLC Part I is on board, the Amendment Regulation shall be complied with from 23 December 2024. As such, please ensure that the DMLC Part II is consistent with the amended DMLC Part I when completing the MLC inspection on or after 23 December 2024.

Existing SMLC (Statement of Compliance to Maritime Labour Convention) and the related DMLCs shall remain valid even after the entry into force of the amendments.

If the new DMLC Part I and Part II are already available, then they should be attached to the vessel's existing SMLC as evidence of compliance with the amendments as the existing SMLC will only be reissued at the vessel's next renewal survey.

Shipowners may contact the Administration to apply for a new DMLC Part I containing the new requirements from the 2022 Amendments of MLC 2006, and submit an updated DMLC Part II to the RO displaying the measures.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at [admin@intershippingervices.com](mailto:admin@intershippingervices.com) or [technical@intershippingervices.com](mailto:technical@intershippingervices.com)