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## MLC Amendments Take Effect

A total of 14 amendments made to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) by the International Labour Organization (ILO) took effect on 23 December 2024.

Known as the “2022 Amendments”, those entail:

- Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 1.4 – Recruitment and placement
  - Standard A1.4 – Recruitment and placement
- Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 2.5 – Repatriation
  - Standard A 2.5.1 – Repatriation
- Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities
  - Standard A3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities
  - Guideline B3.1.11 – Recreational facilities, mail and ship visit arrangements
  - Guideline B4.4.2 – Welfare facilities and services in ports
- Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 3.2 – Food and catering
  - Standard A3.2 – Food and catering
- Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore
  - Standard A4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore
  - Guideline B4.1.3 – Medical care ashore
  - Guideline B4.1.4 – Medical assistance to other ships and international cooperation
- Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention
  - Standard A4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention
- Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention
  - Standard A4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention
  - Guideline B4.3.5 – Reporting and collection of statistics



- Amendments to Appendices
  - Appendix A2-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 2.5, paragraph 2
  - Appendix A4-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 4.2

Luxembourg-headquartered The Shipowners' Club – which insures about 34,000 small and specialist vessels around the world – is among organisations to have summarised the amendments and provides a range of relevant document links (including further proposals for amendment).

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