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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
2014 MLC AMENDMENTS**

As stated by letter of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment to the International Labour Organization dated July 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 the 2014 Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) amendments will enter into force for the Netherlands on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.

The NSI draws your attention to the ILO **Resolution on the transitional measures relating to the entry into force of the amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, concerning financial security requirements in respect of abandonment of seafarers and for shipowners' liability** (see attachment) that any amendments will not serve to invalidate certificates or declarations that have been duly issued previously in accordance with the Convention and which are still in effect.

The Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate (NSI) declares that Dutch flagged vessels are allowed to sail with a Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance part I issued before the 2014 MLC amendments enter into force. Due to the date of issuance, this DMLC Part I does not reflect the amendments. Nevertheless, this DMLC Part I will remain valid until the first renewal inspection has been carried out after February 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and a new MLC certificate has been issued.

In the period up to the renewal inspection, Dutch flagged vessels shall be in compliance with the MLC including the 2014 amendments. Shipowners shall demonstrate with documentary evidence that at least the same level of protection for the seafarers required by the MLC, 2006, as amended through the 2014 amendments, is provided through a system of financial security or otherwise.

After a renewal inspection is carried out, the following documents must be on board which reflect the 2014 amendments:

- a MLC certificate issued by the Recognized Organization
- a DMLC Part I issued by the NSI
- a DMLC Part II drawn up by the shipowner

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