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Proposed amendments to the form for reports to be requested under article 22 of the ILO Constitution in relation to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006)

Purpose of the document

The amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006) that were approved by the International Labour Conference in June 2022 entered into force on 23 December 2024. In the present document, the Governing Body is invited to examine and approve a revised report form to be used by the governments of ratifying States as a basis for their reports on the application of the MLC, 2006, in accordance with article 22 of the ILO Constitution. The proposed changes to the report form were consulted with the Officers of the Special Tripartite Committee of the MLC, 2006 (see the draft decision in paragraph 29).

Relevant strategic objective: Fundamental principles and rights at work.

Main relevant outcome: Outcome 1: Strong, modernized normative action for social justice.

Policy implications: None.

Legal implications: Form to be used in the context of constitutional reporting obligations from the 2024 cycle onwards.

Financial implications: None.

Follow-up action required: None.

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Related documents: [ILC.110/Record No. 1A](#) and [ILC.110/Texts adopted/2022 Amendments](#).

► Introduction

1. The [Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended \(MLC, 2006\)](#), has been ratified by 110 Member States ¹ representing more than 96.6 per cent of the world merchant shipping fleet. Its Code has been amended five times since its entry into force, in 2013. ²
2. In June 2022, the International Labour Conference approved the fourth set of amendments to the Code of the MLC, 2006, that had been adopted on 13 May 2022 by the Special Tripartite Committee established under Article XIII of the Convention. These amendments entered into force on 23 December 2024 for the large majority of ratifying Member States. ³
3. The 2022 sets of [amendments](#) ⁴ refer to six different Regulations of the Convention and to its appendices:
 - Regulation 1.4 – Recruitment and placement. The amendment is intended to ensure that seafarers are informed of their rights in relation to the obligation of recruitment and placement services to maintain a system of protection to compensate seafarers for monetary losses.
 - Regulation 2.5 – Repatriation. The amendment is intended to further facilitate the prompt repatriation of seafarers, including when they are deemed abandoned and to safeguard seafarers who may be placed on ships where seafarers have recently been abandoned.
 - Regulation 3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities. The amendments are intended to ensure that seafarers are provided with appropriate social connectivity by shipowners and that Member States provide internet access in their ports.
 - Regulation 3.2 – Food and catering. The amendments provide that drinking water of suitable quality shall be made available for seafarers free of charge and highlights the importance of balanced meals on board.

¹ As at 23 April 2025. See the complete list in [NORMLEX](#).

² Through the simplified process of amendment established under Article XV of the MLC, 2006, the International Labour Conference has approved the following amendments to the MLC, 2006: in June 2014, amendments related to the issue of financial security for cases of abandonment of seafarers and claims for compensation in the event of a seafarer's death or long-term disability due to an occupational injury, illness or hazard; in June 2016, amendments related to the elimination of shipboard harassment and bullying and the possibility of extending the validity of the maritime labour certificate; in June 2018, amendments related to the protection of seafarers who are held captive as a result of acts of piracy or armed robbery against ships, and in June 2022, the amendments presented in the present document (see [ILC.110/Record No. 1A](#) and [ILC.110/Texts adopted/2022 Amendments](#)). In April 2025, the STC adopted seven [new amendments](#) to the Code of the MLC, 2006, that will be submitted for approval to the 113th Session of the International Labour Conference in June 2025.

³ Under Article XV, para. 7, of the MLC, 2006, an amendment approved by the Conference shall be deemed to have been accepted unless, by the end of the prescribed period, formal expressions of disagreement have been received by the Director-General from more than 40 per cent of the Members which have ratified the Convention and which represent not less than 40 per cent of the gross tonnage of the ships of the Members which have ratified the Convention. Only France (concerning *Standards A1.4, A3.2, A4.1 and A4.3*), Jamaica, Portugal and Slovenia, notified the Director-General of the ILO that they would be bound by the amendments only after a subsequent express notification of their acceptance (Article XV, para. 8(a) of the Convention). For Chile, the amendments will enter into force on 23 December 2025 (Article XV, para. 8(b) of the Convention). As at 8 August 2024, the Office was awaiting the formal declaration of acceptance of the amendments from the following countries and territories: Comoros, Egypt, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Iraq, Madagascar and Syrian Arab republic. Information on the acceptance of the 2022 amendments can be found at [NORMLEX: Acceptance of 2022 amendments of 2022 to the MLC, 2006](#).

⁴ The full text of the amendments can be also found in the appendix to this document.

- Regulation 4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore. The amendments provide that Member States shall ensure the prompt disembarkation of seafarers in need of immediate medical care from ships in its territory and access to medical facilities ashore for the provision of appropriate treatment. It is further intended to facilitate the repatriation of the body or ashes of seafarers who have died on board.
 - Regulation 4.3 – Health and safety protection and accident prevention. The amendments are intended to ensure that seafarers have appropriately-sized personal protective equipment and provide that all deaths of seafarers shall be adequately investigated, recorded and reported annually to the ILO to be published in a global register.
 - 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. The amendments intend to facilitate the functioning of the system of financial security by accepting a reference to the name of the registered owner of the ship when it is different from the shipowner.
4. The entry into force of the amendments requires the revision of the report form under article 22 of the ILO Constitution for the MLC, 2006.
 5. As a result of the recent revision of the ILO *Guidelines for flag State inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended* (Second revised edition, 2022), and of the ILO *Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended* (Second revised edition, 2022), references made to these documents in the report form should also be updated.

► Consideration of proposals for modifications to the form for reports on the MLC, 2006

6. Based on the advice provided by the Officers of the Special Tripartite Committee of the MLC, 2006, during informal consultations, the proposed modifications to the relevant parts of the report form⁵ are presented below as tracked changes. They include a summary of the new requirements of the Convention as well as relevant questions.

Update of the references to the guidelines for flag State inspections and for port state control

7. Amend footnote in page 8 of the report form:

The description of basic requirements is based on the text of the MLC, 2006 as well as the *ILO Guidelines for flag State inspections under the MLC, 2006, as amended (Second revised edition, 2022)*. ~~Guidelines for flag State inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MEFS/2008/8(Rev.)), adopted by the tripartite meeting of experts in September 2008.~~

8. Amend reference in page 52 of the report form:

Are inspectors issued with a copy of the *ILO Guidelines for flag State inspections under the MLC, 2006, as amended (Second revised edition, 2022)* ~~ILO's 2008 Guidelines for flag State inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006~~, or similar national guidelines and/or policy? (Standard A5.1.4, paragraph 7; see guidance in Guideline B5.1.4, paragraph 2)

⁵ The current report form can be found at [NORMLEX](#).

9. Amend reference in page 57 of the report form:

Are authorized officers given guidance as to the kinds of circumstances justifying detention of ship (such as the relevant guidance contained in the [ILO Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspections under the MLC, 2006, as amended \(Second revised edition, 2022\)](#)~~[ILO's 2008 Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspections under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006](#)~~, or similar national guidance or guidance provided by a regional port State control MOU)?

(Standard A5.2.1, paragraph 7)

Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 1.4 – Recruitment and placement

Standard A1.4 – Recruitment and placement

10. Insert a new question after the request for information on Standard A1.4, paragraph 5(c)(vi) (page 13 of the report form):

Please, provide information on laws, regulations or other measures taken to ensure that seafarers are informed, prior to or in the process of engagement, of their rights under that system.
(Standard A1.4, paragraph 5(c)(vi))

Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 2.5 – Repatriation

Standard A2.5.1 – Repatriation

11. Insert a reference to this amendment in the summary of the main provisions of Regulation 2.5 and Standard A2.5.1:

Regulation 2.5 – Repatriation

Standards A2.5.1 and A2.5.2; see also Guideline B2.5

The provisions of the Code for Regulation 2.5 (*Standard A2.5 and Guideline B2.5*) were amended in 2014.

Standard A2.5.1 – Repatriation

- Seafarers are to be repatriated, at no cost to themselves except to the extent that the Code permits otherwise.
- Seafarers are entitled to repatriation in the following circumstances:
 - if the seafarers' employment agreement expires while they are abroad;
 - when their seafarers' employment agreement is terminated:
 - by the shipowner; or
 - by the seafarer for justified reasons; and
 - when the seafarers are no longer able to carry out their duties under their employment agreement or cannot be expected to carry them out in the specific circumstances.
- Seafarers' repatriation entitlements are to be provided for in national laws and regulations or other measures or collective bargaining agreements.
- Ships must provide financial security to ensure that repatriation will occur.
- A copy of the applicable national provisions regarding repatriation must be carried on ships and made available to seafarers in an appropriate language.
- Repatriation of seafarers on ships coming into port or navigating a country's waters is to be facilitated.

- Repatriation of a seafarer is not to be refused because of the financial situation of the shipowner or the shipowner's refusal to replace a seafarer.
- Members shall cooperate to facilitate the prompt repatriation of seafarers, including when they are deemed abandoned, and to ensure that seafarers engaged on a ship to replace seafarers who have been abandoned in their territory, or on a ship flying their flag, shall be accorded their rights and entitlements under this Convention.

12. Insert a new question after the request for information on Standard A2.5.1, paragraphs 7 and 8 (page 24 of the report form):

Please provide information on any measures taken by your country to cooperate to facilitate the prompt repatriation of seafarers, including when they are deemed abandoned, and to ensure that seafarers engaged on a ship to replace seafarers who have been abandoned in its territory, or on a ship flying its flag, shall be accorded their rights and entitlements under this Convention.

(Standard A2.5.1, paragraph 9)

NB: The Government's attention is drawn in this regard to the [Guidelines on how to deal with seafarer abandonment cases](#) adopted in 2022 by the Joint ILO/IMO Tripartite Group to identify and address seafarers' issues and the human element.

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulations 3.1 and 4.4 – Accommodation and recreational facilities/Access to shore-based welfare facilities

Standard A3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities

13. Insert a reference to this amendment in the summary of the main provisions of Regulation 3.1 and Standard A3.1:

Regulation 3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities

Standard A3.1; see also Guideline B3.1

- All ships must be in compliance with the minimum standards established by the MLC, 2006, providing and maintaining decent accommodation and recreational facilities for seafarers working or living on ships, or both, consistent with promoting seafarers' health and well-being.
- Seafarer accommodation must be safe and decent and must meet national requirements implementing the MLC, 2006 (*Standard A3.1, paragraph 1*).
- Frequent inspections of seafarer accommodation areas must be carried out by the master or a designate (*Standard A3.1, paragraph 18*) and recorded; the records must be available for review.
- Particular attention must be paid to the requirements relating to:
 - the size of rooms and other accommodation spaces (*Standard A3.1, paragraphs 9 and 10*);
 - heating and ventilation (*Standard A3.1, paragraph 7*);
 - noise and vibration and other ambient factors (*Standard A3.1, paragraph 6(h)*);
 - sanitary and related facilities (*Standard A3.1, paragraphs 11 and 13*);
 - lighting (*Standard A3.1, paragraph 8*);
 - hospital accommodation (*Standard A3.1, paragraph 12*).

- The requirements under Regulation 3.1 also cover:
 - recreational facilities, including social connectivity (*Standard A3.1, paragraphs 14 and 17*);
 - occupational safety and health and accident prevention requirements on ships, in light of the specific needs of seafarers who both live and work on ships (*Standard A3.1, paragraphs 2(a) and 6(h)*).
- Ships that were constructed * before the entry into force of the MLC, 2006, for your country must:
 - provide and maintain decent accommodation and recreational facilities for seafarers working or living on board, or both, consistent with promoting the seafarers' health and well-being in accordance with national legislation (*Regulation 3.1, paragraph 1*); and
 - meet the standards set out in Conventions Nos 92 and/or 133, if applicable in your country (because of ratification, through substantial equivalence due to ratification of Convention No. 147, the Protocol of 1996 to Convention No. 147 or otherwise) (*Regulation 3.1, paragraph 2*).

The requirements of the Code relating to ship construction and equipment do not apply to these ships, unless applied by national law. The other Code requirements do apply.

* A ship is deemed to be constructed on the date its keel is laid or when it is at a similar stage of construction.

- 14.** Modify the question after the request for information on Standard A3.1, paragraph 12 (page 31 of the report form):

Please summarize the content of your country's requirements for recreational facilities, amenities and services, including social connectivity, implementing *paragraphs 14, 15 and 17 of Standard A3.1*. Please indicate the applicable national provisions and, if possible, reproduce the relevant texts.

Guideline B3.1.11 – Recreational facilities, mail and ship visit arrangements

- 15.** Insert a new question after the request for information on Standard A3.1, paragraphs 14, 15 and 17 (page 31 of the report form):

Please, indicate how due consideration has been given to *Guideline B3.1.11, paragraph 8* concerning the access that should be given to seafarers to internet on board, with charges, if any, being reasonable in amount.

(Guideline B3.1.11, paragraph 8)

Guideline B4.4.2 – Welfare facilities and services in ports

- 16.** Insert a new question after the request for information on Standard A4.4, paragraph 3 (page 43 of the report form):

Please, indicate how due consideration has been given to *Guideline B4.4.2, paragraph 5* concerning internet access given to seafarers on board ships in your ports and at their associated anchorages, with charges, if any, being reasonable in amount.

(Guideline B4.4.2, paragraph 5)

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 3.2 – Food and catering

Standard A3.2 – Food and catering

17. Modify the first question regarding Regulation 3.2, paragraphs 1 and 2 and Standard A3.2, paragraph 2(a) in the report form (page 32 of the report form):

Are shipowners required to provide seafarers, free of charge, during their period of engagement, food and drinking water on board ship that is of appropriate quality, nutritional value, ~~and~~ quantity and variety taking into account the differing cultural and religious backgrounds of seafarers?

(Regulation 3.2, paragraphs 1 and 2; Standard A3.2, paragraph 2(a))

18. Modify the question after the request for information on Regulation 3.2, paragraphs 1 and 2 and Standard A3.2, paragraph 2(a) (page 33 of the report form):

Are measures in place to ensure that the organization and equipment of the catering department are such as to permit the provision to the seafarers of adequate, varied, balanced and nutritious meals prepared and served in hygienic conditions?

(Standard A3.2, paragraph 2(b))

If yes, please indicate the nature and frequency of the instructions or guidance:

Please indicate the applicable national provisions and, if possible, reproduce the relevant texts.

19. Modify the question after the request for information on Standard A3.2, paragraph 6 (page 33 of the report form):

What is the required frequency and format for the documented on-board inspections by or under the authority of the master of:

- supplies of food and drinking water in relation to their quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety;
- spaces and equipment used for storage and handling of food and drinking water;
- the galley and other equipment used for the preparation and service of food?

(Standard A3.2, paragraph 7)

Please indicate the applicable national provisions and, if possible, reproduce the relevant texts.

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore

Standard A4.1, paragraph 5, and Guideline B4.1.3, paragraphs 4 and 5 – Medical care on board ship and ashore, Immediate medical care

20. Insert a reference to this amendment in the summary of the main provisions of Regulation 4.1 and Standard A4.1 :

Regulation 4.1 – Medical care on board ship and ashore

Standard A4.1; see also Guideline B4.1

- Seafarers must be covered by adequate measures for the protection of their health and have access to prompt and adequate medical care, including essential dental care, while working on board.
- The medical care on board must include a qualified medical doctor (or, in permitted cases, at least one seafarer in charge), a medicine chest, medical equipment and a medical guide as well as a prearranged system for obtaining onshore specialist medical advice.
- Health protection and care are to be provided at no cost to the seafarer, in accordance with national law and practice.
- Seafarers must be allowed to visit a qualified medical doctor or dentist without delay in ports of call, where practicable.
- Seafarers in need of immediate medical care must be ensured prompt disembarkation and access to medical facilities ashore for the provision of appropriate treatment.

21. Replace the first question after the request for information on Standard A4.1, paragraphs 1(b) and 4(d) and guidance in Guideline B4.1.1, paragraph 6 (page 36 of the report form) with the following question:

Please, indicate the measures adopted to ensure that seafarers on board ships in your territory in need of immediate medical care are promptly disembarked and are given access to medical facilities on shore for the provision of appropriate treatment. (Regulation 4.1, paragraph 3; Standard A4.1, paragraph 5, see guidance in Guideline B4.1.3)

Please indicate the applicable national provisions and, if possible, reproduce the relevant texts.

22. Afterwards, insert a new question (page 36 of the report form):

Please, indicate in which cases a seafarer is considered to be in need of immediate medical care and how due consideration has been given to Guideline B4.1.3, paragraph 5, in this respect?
(Guideline B4.1.3, paragraph 5)

23. Afterwards, insert a new question (page 36 of the report form):

Please, indicate how due consideration has been given to Guideline B4.1.3, paragraph 4 in relation to the need to ensure that seafarers are not prevented from disembarking for public health reasons, and that they are able to replenish ships' stores, fuel, water, food and supplies.
(Guideline B4.1.3, paragraph 4)

Standard A4.1, paragraph 6, and Guideline B4.1.4, paragraph 5(k) – Repatriation of the body or ashes of seafarers who have died during a ship's journey

24. Insert a new question after the request for information on Standard A4.1, paragraph 4(d) (page 36 of the report form):

Please, indicate the measures taken to facilitate the repatriation of the body or ashes of deceased seafarers by the shipowner, in the cases provided by the Convention.

(Standard A4.1, paragraph 6 and Guideline B4.1.4, paragraph 1(k)).

Please, indicate the applicable national provisions and, if possible, reproduce the relevant texts.

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

25. Modify the first question after the request for information on Regulation 4.3, paragraphs 1–3 (page 40 of the report form):

Do those laws and regulations and other measures address all matters in Standard A4.3, paragraphs 1 and 2, including any measures taken to ensure the provision of all necessary appropriately-sized personal protective equipment and to protect seafarers under the age of 18?

(Standard A4.3, paragraphs 1 and 2; see guidance in Guideline B4.3)

Please indicate the applicable national provisions and, if possible, reproduce the relevant texts.

If no, please indicate the matters that are not addressed:

26. Modify the first question after the request for information on Standard A4.3, paragraph 2(d) (page 41 of the report form):

Are occupational accidents, injuries and diseases reported taking into account guidance from the ILO?

(Standard A4.3, paragraphs 5(~~ab~~) and 6)

Please indicate the applicable national provisions and, if possible, reproduce the relevant texts.

If no, please explain what reports are required:

27. Insert a new question before the request for information on Standard A4.3, paragraphs 5(~~ab~~) and 6 (page 41 of the report form):

Are all deaths of seafarers employed, engaged or working on board ships that fly your flag are adequately investigated and recorded, and reported on an annual basis to the Director-General of the International Labour Office?

(Standard A4.3, paragraph 5(a), see Guideline B4.3.5, paragraphs 4 and 5)

Please indicate the applicable national provisions and, if possible, reproduce the relevant texts.

Amendments to appendices

Appendix A2-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 2.5, paragraph 2

28. No modifications to the report form are proposed regarding:
- 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

► Draft decision

29. **The Governing Body approved the proposed changes to be inserted in the report form for the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, as amended (MLC, 2006), to be used as the basis for the preparation of reports due under article 22 of the ILO Constitution**

► Appendix

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulations 1.4, 2.5, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4 and to Appendices A2-I and A4-I of the MLC, 2006

Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 1.4 – Recruitment and placement

Standard A1.4 – Recruitment and placement

Replace paragraph 5(c)(vi) by the following:

- (vi) establish a system of protection, by way of insurance or an equivalent appropriate measure, to compensate seafarers for monetary loss that they may incur as a result of the failure of a recruitment and placement service or the relevant shipowner under the seafarers' employment agreement to meet its obligations to them, and ensure that seafarers are informed, prior to or in the process of engagement, of their rights under that system.

Amendment to the Code relating to Regulation 2.5 – Repatriation

Standard A2.5.1 – Repatriation

Insert new paragraph 9 and renumber the subsequent paragraph:

- 9. Members shall facilitate the prompt repatriation of seafarers, including when they are deemed abandoned within the meaning of Standard A2.5.2, paragraph 2. Port States, flag States and labour-supplying States shall cooperate to ensure that seafarers engaged on a ship to replace seafarers who have been abandoned in their territory, or on a ship flying their flag, shall be accorded their rights and entitlements under this Convention.

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulations 3.1 and 4.4 – Accommodation and recreational facilities/ Access to shore-based welfare facilities

Standard A3.1 – Accommodation and recreational facilities

Replace paragraph 17 by the following:

- 17. Appropriate seafarers' recreational facilities, amenities and services, including social connectivity, as adapted to meet the special needs of seafarers who must live and work on ships, shall be provided on board for the benefit of all seafarers, taking into account Regulation 4.3 and the associated Code provisions on health and safety protection and accident prevention.

Guideline B3.1.11 – Recreational facilities, mail and ship visit arrangements

Replace paragraph 4(j) by the following:

- (j) reasonable access to ship-to-shore telephone communications, where available, with any charges for the use of these services being reasonable in amount.

Insert new paragraph 8:

8. Shipowners should, so far as is reasonably practicable, provide seafarers on board their ships with internet access, with charges, if any, being reasonable in amount.

Guideline B4.4.2 – Welfare facilities and services in ports

Insert new paragraph 5 and renumber the subsequent paragraphs:

5. Members should, so far as is reasonably practicable, provide seafarers on board ships in their ports and at their associated anchorages with internet access, with charges, if any, being reasonable in amount.

Amendments to the Code relating to Regulation 3.2 – Food and catering

Standard A3.2 – Food and catering

Replace paragraphs 2

(a) and (b) by the following:

- (a) food and drinking water supplies, having regard to the number of seafarers on board, their religious requirements and cultural practices as they pertain to food, and the duration and nature of the voyage, shall be suitable in respect of quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety, and shall be provided free of charge during the period of engagement;
- (b) the organization and equipment of the catering department shall be such as to permit the provision to the seafarers of adequate, varied, balanced and nutritious meals prepared and served in hygienic conditions; and

Replace paragraph 7(a) by the following:

- (a) supplies of food and drinking water in relation to their quantity, nutritional value, quality and variety;

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

Insert new paragraphs 5 and 6:

5. Each Member shall ensure prompt disembarkation of seafarers in need of immediate medical care from ships in its territory and access to medical facilities ashore for the provision of appropriate treatment.

6. Where a seafarer has died during a ship's voyage, the Member in whose territory the death has occurred or, where the death has occurred on the high seas, into whose territorial waters the ship next enters, shall facilitate the repatriation of the body or ashes by the shipowner, in accordance with the wishes of the seafarer or their next of kin, as appropriate.

Guideline B4.1.3 – Medical care ashore

Insert new paragraphs 4 and 5:

4. Each Member should ensure that seafarers are not prevented from disembarking for public health reasons, and that they are able to replenish ships' stores, fuel, water, food and supplies.

5. Seafarers should be considered to be in need of immediate medical care in cases of, but not limited to:

- (a) any serious injury or disease;
- (b) any injury or disease which might lead to temporary or permanent disability;
- (c) any communicable disease which poses a risk of transmission to other members of the crew;
- (d) any injury involving broken bones, severe bleeding, broken or inflamed teeth or severe burns;
- (e) severe pain which cannot be managed on board ship, taking account of the operational pattern of the ship, the availability of suitable analgesics and the health impacts of taking these for an extended period;
- (f) suicide risk; and
- (g) a tele-medical advisory service recommending treatment ashore.

Guideline B4.1.4 – Medical assistance to other ships and international cooperation

Replace paragraph 1(k) by the following:

- (k) arranging for the repatriation of the bodies or ashes of deceased seafarers, in accordance with their wishes or those of their next of kin, as appropriate, and as soon as practicable.

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

Replace paragraph 1(b) by the following:

- (b) reasonable precautions to prevent occupational accidents, injuries and diseases on board ship, including through the provision of all necessary appropriately-sized personal protective equipment and measures to reduce and prevent the risk of exposure to harmful levels of ambient factors and chemicals, as well as the risk of injury or disease that may arise from the use of equipment and machinery on board ships;

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

Replace the chapeau of paragraph 5, insert new paragraph 5(a) and renumber the subsequent subparagraphs:

- 5. Each Member shall ensure that:

- (a) all deaths of seafarers employed, engaged or working on board ships that fly its flag are adequately investigated and recorded, and reported on an annual basis to the Director-General of the International Labour Office to be published in a global register;

Guideline B4.3.5 – Reporting and collection of statistics

Insert new paragraphs 4 and 5:

4. The fatality data to be reported under subparagraph (a) of paragraph 5 of Standard A4.3 should be in the format, and using the classification, as specified by the International Labour Office.

5. The fatality data should include, but not be limited to, information on the type (classification) of death, ship type and gross tonnage, location of fatality (at sea, in port, at anchorage), and seafarer's sex, age, occupational position and department.

Amendments to appendices

Appendix A2-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 2.5, paragraph 2

Replace item (g) by the following:

- (g) name of the shipowner, or of the registered owner if different from the shipowner;

Appendix A4-I – Evidence of financial security under Regulation 4.2

Replace item (g) by the following:

- (g) name of the shipowner, or of the registered owner if different from the shipowner.