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| **Guidance on completing the DMLC Part II** |
| Notice to Registered Shipowners, ISM/Technical Managers, Masters, Approved Nautical Inspectors, Recognised Organisations, and Surveyors |

1. **Purpose**

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* 1. The purpose of this Information Notice is to provide guidance on completing a Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part II (DMLC Part II), as required by the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006).

1. **Application**
   * 1. This Information Notice applies to all vessels ofgross tonnage of 500 GT or more, engaged in international voyages, and those with a gross tonnage equal or over 500 GT flying the flag of The Bahamas and operating from a port, or between ports from another country and shall maintain the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) supplemented with the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance, which consists of two parts, DMLC-Part I and DMLC-Part II and shall be kept in a conscious place, and available for inspection.
     2. Vessels with a gross tonnage from 200 GT to 499 GT engaged in international voyages or voyages between ports, may voluntarily request the Maritime Labour Certificate (MLC), for which compliance with all national regulations shall be required. Further, The Bahamas will also furnish a Determination of Ship Statement of Interpretation, to be kept onboard the vessel evidencing compliance with MLC, minimum requirements.

3. **International Voyage**

3.1 In accordance with the MLC 2006, the term “international voyage” refers to a voyage from a country to a port located outside such country, that is, outside the jurisdictional waters of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

1. **Completing The DMLC-Part II**

4.1 The DMLC Part II shall include the vessel name, IMO number, and the gross tonnage in accordance with the format provided by The BMA.

3.1.2 There shall only be one DMLC Part II format for all vessel categories under The Bahamas flag registry.

3.1.3 The BMA Approved DMLC-Part II can be obtained by using the following link [..\OneDrive - The Bahamas Maritime Authority\Desktop\THE BMA APPROVED DMLC- PART II - 26 July 2022.docx](https://bahamasmaritime-my.sharepoint.com/personal/ijones_bahamasmaritime_com/Documents/OneDrive%20-%20The%20Bahamas%20Maritime%20Authority/Desktop/THE%20BMA%20APPROVED%20DMLC-%20PART%20II%20-%2026%20July%202022.docx).

* + 1. The DMLC-Part II consist of verbiage which outlines what the registered shipowner is required to do to satisfy the 16 items listed in Appendix A5.1 under MLC, 2006. The individual boxes provided on the format, shall be designated and/or selected evidencing acceptance. Further, the Safety Management references can be included where necessary, and no modifications shall be made to the DMLC-Part II. Further, if the verbiage outlined in any of the listed 16 items, that may not be applicable to the vessel type, this shall be immediately communicated to The BMA for review.
    2. If Bahamas flagged vessel changes name, gross tonnage, registered shipowner, ISM/Technical Management Company or suffers any substantial changes to the structure or equipment covered in Title 3 Standard A3.1, the vessel Management Company shall receive a revised DMLC-Part I and the registered shipowner shall duly develop the DMLC- Part II, in order to process the renewal of the maritime labour certificate (MLC) to ensure that it is properly certified in accordance with the standards under MLC, 2006.
    3. The registered shipowner whose vessel has conducted a full inspection, as per Regulation 5.1.3 of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006), shall immediately be issued with a certificate valid for five (5) years from the date of completion of the inspection by a recognized organization duly authorized by The Bahamas.

3.1.4 The Bahamas approved Class Societies and/or Recognized Organization (RO) shall endorse the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance Part II (DMLC-Part II), once the full inspection has ended in accordance to the requirements of the MLC, 2006; and proceed to issue the Maritime Labour Certificate valid for five (5) years from the date of completion of the inspection on which the Certificate is based, in accordance to the MLC, 2006.

* + 1. The intermediate inspection, does not require a new DMLC Part I and II to be issued, unless a Recognised Organisation change is taking place at the same time of this intermediate inspection, and the DMLC Part II, is subject to be endorsement by the inspecting RO.
    2. All DMLC-Part IIs shall be duly signed by the registered shipowner, or the appointed ISM/Technical Management Company, that has conferred duties and responsibilities from the registered shipowner, and shall be endorsed by the attending and/or inspecting RO.

1. **Additional Information**

4.1.1 The registered shipowner, operator, ISM/Technical Management Company, legal representative under a Power of Attorney (POA) of the vessel’s registered shipowner, recognized organization or affiliates of the vessel, who may have enquiries, questions, or require clarification, please contact the MLC Section by using the e-mail: mlc@bahamasmaritime.com.