



# Technical Information on Convention Audit

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Subject : **Notice for issuing MLC short term certificate on Korean flagged vessel**

In order to improve the scope of work of MLC inspection organization, Korean administration has changed the scope of delegation with this society(hereinafter, KR) as below.

- Issuing of Statement of Fact(1 month validity period) ⇒ Issuing of Short term certificate(3 months validity period)

## 1. Background

- 1) According to regulation of Korean administration, KR is able to issue Statement of Fact(hereinafter, SOF) when there is no deficiency or the identified deficiency is rectified.
- 2) However, since the SOF has not been accepted as official certificate in some ports other than Korea, there have been cases of delays in vessel operation such as detention of the vessel.

## 2. Improvement

- 1) After completion of MLC inspection(ex.Interim,Initial,Intermediate, Renewal,etc) without deficiency or when the identified deficiency is rectified, under the authorization of Korean administration, KR can issue short term certificate with 3 months validity period.

3. Effective date : 10 December 2019 (As of the issued date of short term certificate)

## 4. Note

- 1) The interim/full term MLC certificate and approval of Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance(DMLC) shall be implemented by Korean administration as usual.
- 2) When interim/full term MLC certificate is issued by Korean administration, the short term certificate issued by KR shall cease to have effect.

※ Attachment : Official document of Korean administration(Translation)

**The Executive Vice President**

**Statutory Division**

## - Translation -

**Title : Notice for changing the scope of delegation regarding MLC inspection organization**

1. Relevant official document

- 1) No.2478(08 July 2019), Seafarers Policy Division, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries  
No.4123(21 November 2019), Seafarers Policy Division, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries
- 2) No.14175(8 July 2019), Seafarers and Maritime Safety Division, Busan Regional Office of Oceans and Fisheries
- 3) No.SSC6200-602-2019(8 July 2019) & No.SSC6200-1109-2019(22 November 2019), Korean Register of Shipping
- 4) No.19-130(8 July 2019), Korea Shipowners' Association

2. According to Article 140 of Seafarers Act, Recognized Organization(RO) is able to carry out MLC inspection and then Regional Office of Oceans and Fisheries has issued MLC certificate accordingly. However, due to the time required to be onboard a ship, there have been cases of delays in vessel operation such as detention of the vessel at some ports other than Korea. For this reason, Korean administration has changed the scope of delegation with RO from issuing of Statement of Fact(1 month validity period) to issuing of Short term certificate(3 months validity period).

3. In this regard, RO(Korean Register of Shipping) is required to note this issue as well as apply MLC inspection and certification as appropriate. - The end -