Maritime Labour Act

DEUTSCHE FLAGGE

Report 2024

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according section 7 (5) SeearbeitsüberprüfungsVO

ANNUAL REPORT

The Maritime Labour Act sets out comprehensive and binding regulations for the fulfillment and enforcement of the working and living conditions of crew members on board of ships under the German flag. The annual report summarizes the activities of the Ship Safety Division in accordance with the Maritime Labour Act.

182

inspections were carried out on ships under German flag.

- 11 Interim
- 14 Initial
- 29 Intermediate
- 38 Renewal
- 0 Additional
- 90 Inspections of ships not obliged for certification



- Fishing vessels

58

deficiencies were noted by inspectors of the Ship Safety Division.

Main findings in %	
17	Accommodation & Recreation facilities
16	Seafarers` employment agreement
10	Food & Catering
10	Health & Safety protection, Accident prevention
10	Working & Rest hours
9	Training and qualifications
7	On-board complaint procedures

0

detentions caused by MLC deficiencies (PSC on German flag vessels).

66

MLC deficiencies noted by port states (PSC on German flag vessels).

6

Recognized Organizations (RO)

- American Bureau of Shipping (ABS) .
- Bureau Veritas (BV)
- Det Norske Veritas (DNV)
- Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LR)
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai (ClassNK)
- Registro Italiano Navale (RINA)

Owners can request these RO's to carry out the MLC inspection on ships which are subject to the MLC certification system.

73

private recruitment agencies are registered.

The Ship Safety Division is responsible for the approval of private recruitment agencies for seafarers (agents) based in Germany. As part of the authorization procedure, the conditions of the agencies are checked and certificates issued.

22

private recruitment agencies were certified or renewed for the year 2024.

40

MLC inspectors of the Ship Safety Division carry out inspections worldwide.

Certificates

Declarations of Maritime Labour Compliance, Maritime Labour Certificates and Fishing Labour Certificates will be issued electronically from the next renewal inspection (or earlier at the request of the shipowner) and will henceforth also be endorsed electronically.

Checks on board

With its new "Checks on Board" service, DS offers shipping companies practical preparation for port state control. The aim of the checklists is to improve the performance of a ship and the fleet and prevent deficiencies during inspections. In 2024, there was also a checklist on MLC requirements.

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complaint

was submitted to the DS and analysed. Based on section 128 (7) of the Maritime Labour Act the Ship Safety Division has to ensure that complaints of crew members are appropriately received and analysed.