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Maritime Labour Act

Report 2023

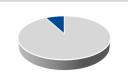
according section 7 (5) SeearbeitsüberprüfungsVO

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.

258

inspections were carried out on ships under German flag.

- 24 Interim
- 25 Initial
- 15 Intermediate
- 60 Renewal
- 3 Additional
- 133 Inspections of ships not obliged for certification



- Other vessels
- Fishing vessels

74

deficiencies were noted by inspectors of the Ship Safety Division.

Main findings	in %
19	Health & Safety protection, Accident prevention
11	Medical care
7	Food & Catering
9	Accommodation & Recreation facilities
8	Seafarers` employment agreement
8	Working & Rest hours
8	On-board complaint procedures

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

56

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.

79

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.

14

private recruitment agencies were certified or renewed for the year 2023.

37

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

Certificates

Maritime labor certificates and fisheries labor 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.

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Case of abandonment

On several vessels belonging to one shipping company, crew members were abandoned in accordance with §76a MLA and consequently financial security was claimed in accordance with standard A2.5.2 of the Maritime Labour Convention.

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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.