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Advantages of the German flag

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- [Documents for flagging in under German flag \(please submit to Ship Safety Division\)](#)
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- [Navigational and radio equipment - plans for change of flag \(please submit to BSH\) \(in German only\)](#)

Changing to a foreign flag

- [Announcement of the amount of the compensation payment in case of changing to a foreign flag \(in German\)](#)
- [Duration of the commitment period in months for every year during a change to a foreign flag \(in German\)](#)

Flag State, classification societies Flag State Administration BG Verkehr

- Organization chart Ship Safety Division
- Data Protection Information of BG Verkehr/Ship Safety Division
- Annual reports of the Ship Safety Division on the German website

BSH

- Organization chart
- Annual reports of the BSH on the German website

BBS

- Annual reports of the BBS on the German website

Stiftung Schifffahrtsstandort Deutschland

- Annual reports of the Stiftung "Schifffahrtsstandort Deutschland" on the German website

Classification societies

- [Procedure for Co-operation of German Flag State administration with Classes](#)
- [Class Circular 01 2010 Procedure to be observed by Recognized Organization \(RO\) in case of a PSC inspection](#)
- [Class Circular 01 2012 Authorization for surveyors of classification on German flagged non-convention vessels](#)
- [Class Circular 01 2015 to Amendments to the CSS Code](#)
- [Class Circular 01 2016 Authorization for surveyors of classification societies on German flagged vessels](#)
- Class Circular 01/2017: Authorization for classification societies (ROs) on German flagged vessels regarding plan approval

Types of ships Cargo ships

- Ship Safety Ordinance, Annex 1a, Part 7: Load Line Requirements
- Ship Safety Ordinance, Annex 1a, Part 6: Safety requirements for cargo ships

Passenger ships

- Ship Safety Ordinance, Annex 1a, Part 1: Safety requirements for passenger ships
- European Directive 2009/45/EC on safety rules and standards for passenger ships
- Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/411 amending Directive 2009/45EC

Fishing vessels

- Ship Safety Ordinance, annex 1a part 5: Safety requirements for fishing vessels of less than 24 m in length

Ships of traditional built

- German/Danish Agreement for traditional ships on the Flensburg Fjord

Recreational craft

- Informationsschreiben "Gewerbsmäßige genutzte Sportfahrzeuge" (information letter regarding commercially used recreational boats)
- Richtlinie: Sicherheitsanforderungen für gewerbliche Sportausbildungfahrzeuge (directive on safety requirements for commercially used recreational craft)

Offshore service vessels

- Special Purpose Ship Code 2008 incl. Supplement 2010

Crew

Ship's manning

- Overview provisions for nationalities in manning of German-flagged ships
- IMO Crew list international voyages
- IMO Crew list national voyages
- Excerpt from the STCW Code - Ship at anchor
- STCW Circ.: Guidance for masters on keeping a safe anchor watch (STCW.7/Circ.14)

Working and living on board

- MLC Annual Report 2021 of the Ship safety Division of BG Verkehr
- MLC Annual Report 2020 of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr
- MLC Annual Report 2019 of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr
- MLC Annual Report 2018 of the Ship Safety Division of BG Verkehr

Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) infos

- MLC Info 08/2013 Certification of private recruitment and placement services
- MLC Info 07/2013 Omission residence permit for foreign crew members
- Compliance of the medical certificate with MLC and STCW
- MLC Info 05/2013 Paris MoU MLC
- MLC Info 04/2013 Inspection Medical Equipment (in German only)
- MLC Info 03/2013 Maritime Labour Act and several regulations
- MLC Info 02/2013 Seafarer's Identity Document and Records of Employment
- MLC Info 01/2013 Certification of private recruitment and placement services, II
- MLC Info 02/2012 Certification of private recruitment and placement services
- MLC Info 01/2012 Entry into force of the MLC, 2006
- MLC Info 01/2009 Information to the ILO Maritime Labour Convention

Legislative texts: Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), ILO Conventions No. 92 and 133, Maritime Labour Act and ordinances

- Maritime Labour Convention (MLC)
- Maritime Labour Act
- Summary Ordinances Maritime Labour Law
- Maritime Working Verification Ordinance (Seearbeitsüberprüfungs-Verordnung, MaritimeWorkO)
- Safe Manning Ordinance (Schiffsbesetzungsverordnung (SchBesV))
- Ordinance on Accommodation in Maritime Shipping (See-Unterkunftsverordnung)
- ILO Convention No. 92 - Crew accommodation (for older ships)
- ILO Convention No. 133 - Crew accommodation
- Ordinance on the table of shipboard working arrangements and records of hours of work in maritime shipping (See-Arbeitszeitnachweisverordnung - See- ArbZNV)
- Offshore Working Time Ordinance (Offshore-Arbeitszeitverordnung)

Information for practice

- Guidelines on the implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention on board of German-flagged ships (MLC-Guideline)
- ILO Guidelines for Flag State Inspections under MLC, 2006
- Guidelines for food hygiene
- Guidance on Eliminating Shipboard Harassment and Bullying (ICS/ITF)

Templates, documents

- Declaration of shipowner's responsibility
- Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) - Part I
- Verification List DMLC Part II
- Checklist - See-Unterkunfts-Verordnung

Employment agreements

- Model of a crew member's employment agreement
- German version: Heuertarifvertrag See (HTV See, valid from 01 July 2021)
- English version: Heuertarifvertrag See (HTV See, valid from 01 January 2020)

Hours of work and rest

- Record of hours of work
- Table shipboard working arrangements
- Annex 1 to the "Ordinance on the table of shipboard working arrangements and records of hours of work in maritime shipping" (See-Arbeitszeitnachweisverordnung): Model format for table of shipboard working arrangement
- Annex 2 to the "Ordinance on the table of shipboard working arrangements and records of hours of work in maritime shipping" (See-Arbeitszeitnachweisverordnung): Model format for records of hours of work and hours of rest of crew members

Seafarer's complaints

- Model of an on-board complaint procedure

Record of employment - Seafarer's Card

- Record of Employment (model)
- MLC Info 07/2013: Omission residence permit for foreign crew members
- MLC Info 02/2013 Seafarer's Identity Document and Records of Employment

Training - Competence

Training seafarers

- Maritime Vocational Training Ordinance
- Richtlinie praktische Ausbildung nautischer Offiziersassistent (guideline practical training navigational assistant officer)
- Richtlinie praktische Ausbildung technischer Offiziersassistent (guideline practical training engineering assistant officer)

Authorized Training Courses

- Authorized training courses ship safety (Initial Training)
- Authorized training courses ship safety (Refresher Course)

Safety - Security

Safety management (ISM)

- ISM Infos

General information

- ISM Code English 01.07.2010
- SOLAS Chapter IX (ISM), in German
- Regulation (EC) No 336/2006 (European implementation of ISM Code)
- Change of Flag: ISM Certification

Review Panels

- Review Panel Indian Ocean MoU
- Review Panel Med MoU
- Review Panel Paris MoU
- Review Panel Tokyo MoU

Rescue of Refugees

- Guidance "Rescue at sea"
- Guidance "Large scale rescue operations at sea"
- Guidance "Recovery of persons from the water"

Occupational health and safety

- Safety Bulletin 01-2020: Familiarization on board
- Safety Bulletin 01-2019: Enclosed Spaces
- Safety Bulletin 02-2019: Entrance Hatches
- Safety Bulletin 03-2019: Work equipment / tools

Security (ISPS)

- A.959(23) maintenance of the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)
- MSC.198(80) maintenance of the Continuous Synopsis Record (CSR)
- Interim guidelines for the authorization of Recognized Security Organizations (MSC/Circ.1074)

Anti-piracy measures

- Specimen of the addendum to the SSP (privately contracted armed security personnel)

Passenger Registration

- Application of approval of registration systems on passenger ships under non-German flag
- Allgemeinverfügung zur Genehmigung von Registrierungssystemen auf Fahrgastschiffen (general ruling for the approval of registration systems on passenger vessels, in German only)
- Directive 98/41/EC on the registration of persons sailing on board passenger ships

Cargo Containers

- CTU Code (Code of Practice for Packing of Cargo Transport Units)
- MSC.1/Circ.1475: Guidelines regarding the verified gross mass of a container carrying cargo
- Directive 2014/31/EU regarding non-automatic weighing Instruments
- Model procedure for determining the gross mass of a cargo container (Method 2)
- MSC.1-Circ. 1548: Advice regarding the SOLAS requirements for verified gross mass of packed Containers

IMSBC Code (Bulk Cargoes)

- Lists of bulk materials with an exception for a gas fire-extinguishing system or with an equivalent fire-extinguishing system
- Text of IMSBC Code
- MSC.1/Circ. 1453 (Guidelines for the submission of information of cargoes not listed at the IMSBC-Code)
- IMO-questionnaire for carrying cargoes not listed at the IMSBC-Code
- List of national authorities responsible for the safe carriage of grain and solid bulk cargoes

IMDG Code (Dangerous Goods)

- German Ordinance on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Sea ("Gefahrgutverordnung See")
- Text of the IMDG Code
- Latest amendments by resolution MSC.501(105)

Construction - Equipment

Newbuilding - Conversion General information

- General information for newbuildings under German flag
- List of rules and regulations for newbuildings for German flag

Sea trials

- Requirements for sea-going vessels on sea trials

Forms machine

- DE.15 Laermminderungsmaßnahmen fuer Maschinen- Unterkünfte- und Brueckenbereich_Noise Abatement Measures
- DE.19 MARP_Bauliche Massnahmen zur Verhuetung der Meeresverschmutzung_Structural Measures for the Prevention of pollution

- DE.2 Lueftungsanlagen in Maschinenraeumen_Ventilation Plants in Engine Rooms
- DE.3 Notstromquellen und Notverbraucher auf Frachtschiffen_Emergency Sources and Consumers on Cargo Ships

Ship's equipment for newbuildings

- List of Equipment for sea ships under German flag
- List of equipment to be approved (MED)

Flag State Information

- Overview of the current revisions

Regarding several or all topics:

- FI S/000/-/2020/Rev. 01: Definitions

Structural Condition:

- FI S/001/SC/2020/Rev. 0a: Surveys to Ensure Structural Integrity

Intact Stability:

- FI S/002/IS/2020/Rev. 00: Gradient of GZ-Curve of Multi-Hull Vessels which are not High Speed Craft
- FI S/004/IS/2021/Rev. 00: Inclining test
- FI S/005/IS/2021/Rev. 00: Evaluation of lightship data for pontoons without conducting an inclining experiment

National Load Line

- FI S/003/NL/2021/Rev. 00: Content and Details of a Closing Appliances Plan

Please note that FI S/006/SC/2021/Rev. 00 referred to in this document is currently under revision. Its publication will follow.

Ship surveys

- IMO-Resolution A.1120(30) of 18.12.2017 - Survey Guidelines 2017

Ship's equipment Approved ship's equipment

- Marine Equipment Directive - MED 2014/90/EU
- Current Implementing Regulation of the MED (EU)
- Circular by Ship Safety Division regarding Directive 2014/90/EU
- List with information on EC type approvals by PuZ See

Navigational equipment

- List of inspections/review according to BfP and BfA
(navigation equipment which requires plan approval or on-board survey)
- List of navigation equipment to be tested
- List of recognized experts for compass adjustment

Life-saving appliances **Servicing of life-saving appliances**

- List of service stations for liferafts
- MSC.402(96): Requirements for maintenance, thorough examination, operational testing, overhaul and repair of lifeboats and rescue boats, launching appliances and release gear

Equipment for recovery of persons from the water

- Resolution MSC.338(91) of the Maritime Safety Committee on 30.11.2012 (extract regarding recovery Systems)
- MSC.1-Circ.1447 - Guidelines for the development of plans and procedures for recovery of persons from the water

Record books

- Information: Approval of electronic record books on sea-going ships flying the German flag

Maritime Medicine

- Brochure of Maritime Medical Service

Fitness for sea Service

- Questionnaire for Medical Fitness Examination
- Specimen certificate of insurance (cost assumption declaration)
- Certificate of validity of German Medical Certificates
- Specimen German Medical Certificate (from September 2013)
- Maritime Medicine Regulations

Telemedical Maritime Assistance Service (TMAS)

- Form "Telemedical Maritime Assistance - primary"
- Form "Telemedical Maritime Assistance - follow up"
- Form "Telemedical Maritime Assistance - post advice questionnaire"
- Bodycheck
- Flyer Telemedical Maritime Assistance Service

Medical Equipment - spaces

- State of Medical Knowledge (Stand der medizinischen Erkenntnisse)
- Notes on the changes in the current State of medical knowledge (in German only)
- Map of trading areas (State of medical knowledge)
- Map of trading areas of fishing vessels (State of medical knowledge)
- Ordinance on Accommodation in Maritime Shipping
- Recommendations for the equipment of medical spaces on merchant vessels flying the German flag
- Form: Course of vital signs
- Reporting form for physicians, made available by Formularus-Verlag

Medical refresher Courses

- List of providers of approved medical refresher courses in Germany
- Maritime Medicine Regulation
- Legal questions regarding medical care on board by masters and ship officers

Hygiene -Infection

- Guidelines for Food-Hygiene

Selected health matters

- Leaflet on Malaria
- Magazine article: Maßnahmen bei Sturz ins kalte Wasser
- Guide for cold water survival (MSC.1/Circ.1185/Rev.1)

Environmental protection

Prevention of marine pollution (MARPOL)

- Information letter on the sulphur limit and the carriage ban
- MEPC-Rundschreiben MEPC.1/Circ.642, geändert durch MEPC.1/Circ.676 und MEPC.1/Circ.760: 2008 Guidelines for systems for handling oily wastes in machinery spaces of ships incorporating guidance notes for an integrated bilge water system (IBTS)
- Timing of replacement of existing certificates (MSC-MEPC.5/Circ.6)
- Guidance for the recording of operations in the oil record book part I - machinery space operation (MEPC.1-Circ.736-Rev.2)

Energy Efficiency (MARPOL Annex VI)

- Funding regulation regarding the introduction of LNG (LNG-Förder-Richtlinie des Bundes) of 17.08.2017

- MEPC.212(63)-2012 Guidelines on the method of calculation of the attained EEDI for new ships
- MEPC.213(63)-2012 Guidelines for the development of a SEEMP
- MEPC.214(63)–2012 Guidelines on survey and certification of the EEDI
- MEPC.215(63)–Guidelines for calculation of reference lines for use with the EEDI

Ship's Sewage (MARPOL Annex IV)

- A Technical Guidance for the Handling of Wastewater in Ports of the Baltic Sea Special Area under MARPOL Annex IV
- MEPC.200(62)_Amendments to MARPOL_Baltic Sea as special area under MARPOL Annex IV
- MEPC.227(64)_Guidelines Sewage treatment plants
- Discharge of waste water from cruise ships (MEPC.1/Circ.685)
- Guide to diagnosing contaminants in oily bilge water (MEPC.1/Circ.677)

Ballast water

- International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships Ballast Water
- HELCOM Guide
- D-1 Standard: Overview (in German)
- D-2 Standard: Overview (in German)
- Code for Approvals of Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS Code)
- Ballast Water Reporting Form
- IMO BWM.2/Circ.56 (Ballast Water Exchange Area North Sea)
- Map of the intra North Sea exchange area
- IMO BWM.2/Circ.14 (General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D-1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard in the North-East Atlantic)
- IMO BWM.2/Circ.22 (General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application of the D-1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels leaving the Baltic Sea and transiting through the North-East Atlantic to other destinations)
- IMO BWM.2/Circ.39 (General Guidance on the Voluntary Interim Application for the D-1 Ballast Water Exchange Standard by Vessels Operating between the Mediterranean Sea and the North-East Atlantic and/or Baltic Sea)
- Joint HELCOM/OSPAR Harmonised Procedure on the Granting of BWM Convention Exemptions
- MEPC71/17/Add. 2 Annex 11 ("BWM - How to do it")

Guidelines published by IMO

- **G1:** Guidelines for sediment reception facilities (Resolution MEPC.152(55))
- **G2:** Guidelines for ballast water sampling (Resolution MEPC.173(58))
- **G3:** Guidelines for ballast water management equivalent compliance (Resolution MEPC.123(53))
- **G4:** Guidelines for ballast water management and development of ballast water management plans (Resolution MEPC.127(53))
- **G5:** Guidelines for ballast water reception facilities (Resolution MEPC.153(55))
- **G6:**
- 2017 Guidelines for ballast water exchange (Resolution MEPC.288(71))
- Guidelines for ballast water exchange (Resolution MEPC.124(53))

- **G7:**

- 2017 Guidelines for risk assessment under regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention (Resolution MEPC.289(71))
- Guidelines for the risk assessment under Regulation A-4 of the BWM Convention (Resolution MEPC.162(56))

- **BWMS Code**

- **G8:**

- 2016 Guidelines for approval of ballast water management systems (Resolution MEPC.279(70))
- Guidelines for the approval of ballast water management systems (Resolution MEPC.174(58))
- Guidelines for approval of Ballast Water Management Systems (Resolution MEPC.125(53))

- **G9:**

- Procedure for approval of ballast water management systems that make use of active substances (Resolution MEPC.169(57))
- Procedure for approval of Ballast Water Management Systems that make use of Active Substances (Resolution MEPC.126(53))

- **G10:** Guidelines for approval and oversight of prototype ballast water treatment technology programmes (Resolution MEPC.140(54))
- **G11:** Guidelines for ballast water exchange design and construction standards (Resolution MEPC.149(55))
- **G12:**
- 2012 Guidelines on design and construction to facilitate sediment control on ships (Resolution MEPC.209(71))
- Guidelines on design and construction to facilitate sediment control on ships (Resolution MEPC.150(55))

- **G13:** Guidelines for additional measures regarding ballast water management including emergency situations (Resolution MEPC.161(56))
- **G14:** Guidelines on designation of areas for ballast water exchange (Resolution MEPC.151(55))

Port State Control

News Press Releases Port State Control

- Press release on CIC on STCW of 01 August 2022
- Press release on 40th anniversary of Paris MoU of 17 June 2022
- Pressemitteilung on Performance Lists Paris MoU of 14 June 2022
- Press release of 23 July 2021: CIC "Stability un General"
- Press release Performance Lists Paris MoU 15 July 2021
- Press release Performance Lists Paris MoU 1 July 2020
- Press release of Paris and Tokyo MoU from 20.01.2020 regarding the prohibition on the carriage of non-compliant fuel
- Press releases on Paris MoU website
- Press releases on Tokyo MoU website

Annual Reports

- Paris MoU Annual Report 2021
- Press Release Annual Report 2021
- Paris MoU Annual Report 2020
- Press Release Annual Report 2020
- Paris MoU Annual Report 2019
- Press Release Annual Report 2019
- Paris MoU Annual Report 2018
- Press Release Annual Report 2018
- Annual Reports on Paris MoU website

Survey Schemes

- The New Inspection Regime

Ranking: Flag States · Classification societies

- RO Performance
- Ranking of flag states (White Grey Black list)

Statistics · Examples 2017: Examples of substandard conditions on ships

- MSC Maria Laura
- Mistral

2016: Examples of substandard conditions on ships

- Independence II
- Huanghai Developer
- United Ocean

2014: Examples of substandard conditions on ships

- Curitiba
- Hudson Leader
- Nordic Bothnia

2013: Examples of substandard conditions on ships

- Burak Bayraktar

- Djorf
- Maks

Legal basis of Port State Control

- Directive 2009/16/EC on port State Control
- Directive 2013/38/EU Port State Control

Notification requirements

- Information about reporting obligations for agents and operators
- Information brochure about notification formalities in European ports and National Single Window