

Report 2025

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.

163

inspections were carried out on ships under German flag.

- 11 Interim
- 10 Initial
- 40 Intermediate
- 11 Renewal
- 2 Additional
- 89 Inspections of ships not obliged for certification



- Other vessels
- Fishing vessels

127

deficiencies were noted by inspectors of the Ship Safety Division.

Main findings in %



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

38

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.

75

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.

47

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

44

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

Support for emotional distress

In cooperation with the German Seamen's Mission, the Ship Safety Division has developed postings and information for ships flying the German flag, which show seafarers at a glance where they can seek support in exceptional psychological circumstances. This also includes emergency contact details.

Safety Bulletins

Safety Bulletins provide shipping companies and crews with specific information on occupational health and safety issues. Two Safety Bulletins were published in 2025.

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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.