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Australian Ship Safety Information

--- Maximum Period of Seafarer's Shipboard Service

As mentioned in <CCS Bulletin (No.37)>, with reference to AMSA approach to implementing the MLC 2006 requirements for the maximum continuous period that a seafarer can serve on board a vessel without taking a leave, the maximum continuous period for seafarer on board is 11 months.

Further actions to be taken by AMSA when PSCO noting seafarer continuous service period on board exceeded more than 11 months were detailed in recently released AMSA Marine Notice 17/2016 (Hereafter as MO 17/2016), as attachment 1.

As required by AMSA MO17/2016, AMSA inspectors continue to identify occurrences of continuous seafarer service periods extending well beyond 11 months:

1. Where inspectors identify that a seafarer has served on board a vessel for more than 11 months, but less than 13 months and this occurred **with the full consent of the seafarer and in accordance with any flag State requirements**, the non-compliance will be brought to the attention of the master and the vessel owner, with an expectation that the non-compliance will be rectified at the earliest possible opportunity. Due consideration to flag States policy in this regard may be taken into account.
2. Where inspectors identify that a seafarer has served on board a vessel for more than 13 months, or in cases of systemic breaches, the non-compliance will be managed in accordance with MLC, 2006 Standard A5.2.1.6. This requires the inspector to take steps to ensure that the ship shall not proceed to sea until the non-conformities have been rectified, or until the inspector has accepted a plan of action to rectify such non-conformities and is satisfied that the plan will be implemented in an expeditious manner.

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In AMSA MO17/2016, AMSA had also included supporting backgrounds for above actions to be taken. We hereby reminder all ship owner pay high attention to above AMSA new policy and ensure manning onboard fully meet AMSA requirements to avoid possible detention in Australia water area.

Attachment 1: AMSA Marine Notice (No. 17/2016)



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Announcement:

1. Intention is to assist and ensure owners to understand and well prepared, ensuring all updated requirements from AMSA can be met
2. For more information, please visit AMSA website at www.amsa.gov.au and CCS website at www.ccs.org.cn
3. The information contained does not and cannot supersede any AMSA or related governing parties requirements as well as CCS class rules and regulations.

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