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## Local Maritime Direction – No 017

To: Operators and Owners of Gibraltar Registered Vessels based in Gibraltar

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### Maritime Labour Convention Gibraltar Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) Regulations 2013

#### Application of the MLC for Gibraltar Registered Vessels operating exclusively within British Gibraltar Territorial Waters

#### 1. The Gibraltar MLC regulations apply to:

- i. All Gibraltar registered vessels engaged in commercial activities except as described in 2.i. below;
- ii. All seafarers employed or engaged in or work in any capacity on board Gibraltar registered vessels except seafarers employed exclusively in vessels described in 2.i. below;

#### 2. The MLC does not apply to:

- i. Gibraltar registered vessels operating commercially **exclusively within BGTW**;
- ii. A vessel owned and operated by a Government Department not engaged in commercial activity
- iii. Seafarers exclusively employed on Gibraltar registered vessels operating commercially exclusively within BGTW Gibraltar
- iv. Pleasure craft

#### 3. Seafarers

Seafarers employed exclusively on Gibraltar registered vessels operating only within British Gibraltar Territorial Waters are required to comply with the requirements of Gibraltar national employment legislation, Administrative Instructions and Local Maritime Directives, as appropriate.

#### 4. Voyages outside BGTW for dry-docking / repair

Gibraltar registered vessels ordinarily engaged in commercial activities **exclusively** within BGTW and wish to proceed on an international voyage (e.g. to a repair/dry dock facility located in Spain/Portugal) should contact the GMA prior to organising the voyage

The GMA will then determine what provisions will apply, taking into account the intended nature of the voyage.

Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the vessel encountering problems with Port State Control authorities and may result in detention and/or additional scrutiny and/or deficiencies being raised during a PSC inspection.

#### **5. Guidance**

Further guidance on the certification, inspection and enforcement in relation to Gibraltar MLC regulations can be found in the M. Labour Convention section on the GMA website: [www.gibraltarship.com](http://www.gibraltarship.com)

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