

Amendments of 2022 to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC 2006)

Ship owners, masters, seafarers, and other stakeholders are encouraged to review this information and note how the 2022 amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) have been incorporated into Swedish legislation and, where applicable, take necessary measures.

The 2022 MLC amendments entered into force internationally on 23 December 2024. Sweden, as a ratifying member of the 2006 Maritime Labour Convention, has accepted these amendments and is therefore obligated to incorporate them into national legislation.

Some of the new or revised requirements, such as properly fitted personal protective equipment, the right to repatriation, and the right to medical care ashore, are already covered by existing provisions in Swedish legislation and should already be met.

Other requirements, such as the scope of masters' inspections on board, provisions for balanced meals, and opportunities for social connections, will be incorporated through amendments to the Swedish Transport Agency's regulations. The amended regulations will come into force on 1 February 2025.

Refer to the **appendix** for a summary of how the MLC amendments are incorporated into, or will be incorporated into, Swedish legislation.

Swedish Ships

Compliance with New Requirements

The MLC amendments, as incorporated into Swedish legislation, must be complied with from their effective date and compliance must be demonstrable. For some ships, ship owners may need to supplement existing DMLC Part II and other on board documentation, such as procedures or manuals. These updates can typically be implemented as additions to the ship's current documentation.

Ships engaged in international traffic or domestic operations in another country, which may therefore be subject to port state controls, are encouraged to have necessary measures in place to meet the updated convention requirements by 23 December 2024, even though the Swedish Transport Agency's amended regulations will not take effect until 1 February 2025.

Certificates and DMLC Remain Valid

The validity of certificates and DMLC issued previously will not be affected by the convention amendments. The Swedish Transport Agency, or the recognised organisation issuing maritime labour certificates on its behalf, will not issue new maritime labour certificates or DMLC solely due to the international entry into force of the amendments on 23 December 2024 or the effective date of the agency's revised regulations on 1 February 2025.

Updated DMLC Part I

The Swedish Transport Agency will make minor adjustments to DMLC Part I, which will be available at the following link:

<https://www.transportstyrelsen.se/sv/sjofart/e-tjanster-och-blanketter/blanketter-for-sjofart/arbetsmiljo/declaration-of-maritime-labour-compliance--part-i-engelsk/>

The updated DMLC Part I will be used the next time the Swedish Transport Agency or the recognised organisation issuing maritime labour certificates on its behalf, issues a new DMLC for the ship, typically when the ship's maritime labour certificate is renewed.

Foreign Ships

Ships flying a flag other than the Swedish flag are primarily subject to the requirements of their flag states, but certain provisions of Swedish regulations also apply to foreign ships operating within Swedish territorial waters. Port state control inspections conducted in Swedish ports may include checks for compliance with these requirements.