CMI QUESTIONNAIRE – PANDEMIC RESPONSE – THE EFFECT ON SEAFARERS AND PASSENGERS AT SEA

1. Is your jurisdiction a member of the World Health Organisation?
   Yes.

2. Has your jurisdiction given effect under its domestic law to the International Health Regulations (2005)?
   Yes, under Act 264/2007. The rules of the Health Regulations have statutory force in the form for
   which Finland has bonded itself (Source: Valvira.fi).

3. Has your jurisdiction ratified the IMO-MLC 2006 Convention?
   Yes, Finland ratified MLC on 9th January 2013 and it entered into force on 9th January 2014.

4. What steps have been taken within your jurisdiction to give effect to the IMO-MLC 2006 Convention?
   Changes in EU and national legislation as a consequence of the requirements imposed by MLC
   2006. MLC inspections of Finnish ships are carried out by the Regional State Administrative
   Agencies and the Finnish Transport Safety Agency (Trafi) according to a mutually agreed division of
   labour.

5. Has your jurisdiction ratified the IMO Facilitation of Maritime Traffic Convention 1965 (FAL
   Convention)? Yes.

6. What steps have been taken within your jurisdiction to give effect to the FAL Convention?

7. Are you aware if your jurisdiction has denied free pratique to a vessel during any of the
   following pandemics: Avian flu; SARS; Chikungunya or MERS?

8. Are you aware if your jurisdiction has taken any steps to establish the care capacities
   identified in Sections A and B of Annex 1 of the International Health Regulations, and in
   particular a "national public health emergency response plan" in compliance with the
   International Health Regulations?
   On the part of Finland, Valvira names the harbours as required by the Health Regulation that are
   authorized to issue certificates on sanitation control and on exemption from sanitation control for

Regarding Finland’s Social Welfare and Health Care preparedness, please see:
https://www.julkari.fi/bitstream/handle/10024/114809/Fa200606eng.pdf?sequence=2

9. (a) What measures were taken by your jurisdiction during the recent Ebola outbreak?
    Please see: http://stm.fi/en/ebola-virus-disease
(b) Which Department of State or organisation in your jurisdiction was responsible for
    implementing those measures during the recent Ebola outbreak?
(c) Were maritime administrations within your jurisdiction consulted in relation to
    decisions taken within your jurisdiction during the Ebola outbreak?
    Yes, probably.
(d) Were those who took decisions in your jurisdiction during the Ebola outbreak
    aware of the requirements of:
    (i) International Health Regulations 2005; and
    (ii) The FAL Convention 1965 (As Amended); and
    (iii) The ILO MLC 2006 Convention?
(e) Were those making the decisions in your jurisdiction in relation to the Ebola
    outbreak aware of the potential conflict in the requirements between those Regulations and
    Conventions?