By virtue of the above Ministerial Decision, three Regulations for the application of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 were approved and entered into force. Specifically: the Regulation “Maritime Labour Inspectors”, the Regulation “Audit and Compliance” and the Regulation “Authorisation of Recognised Organisations”.


By virtue of the above Ministerial Decision, one Regulation was approved and entered into force for the application of the requirements of Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. This Regulation was divided into the following Chapters: Chapter 1 “Minimum requirements for seafarers to work on a ship”, Chapter 2 “Conditions of employment”, Chapter 3 “Accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering”, Chapter 4 “Health protection, medical care, welfare and social security protection”, Chapter 5 “Compliance and enforcement”.

c) Circular No. 3527.1.2/2013 «Application requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 of the International Labour Organisation» by virtue of which, the Ministry of Shipping and Island Policy intended to inform the shipowners, as well as any Recognised Organisation and/or Authority, for the basic structure and content of the Maritime Labour Convention, its implementation and requirements etc.

d) Circular No. 4451.2/01/213, code No: MLC/01/2013/03-08-13 «Certification of ships by DEDAPLE (Management Audit Department of Ship and Port Facility Security) pursuant to the provisions of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006».

By virtue of the above Circular, the Ministry of Shipping and Island Policy intended to inform the shipowners of ships under Greek flag, as well as any Recognised Organisation and/or Authority, for the certification of the ships which are obligated for certification under the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 and the relevant procedure for obtaining that certification.

State), undertook the implementation of the measures on board the vessels as well as at the entry points of the country and sea passengers’ and immigrants’ reception centres.

It is also worth pointing out that, pursuant to the Ebola National Response Plan, the University of Thessaly (Faculty of Hygiene & Epidemiology) was set to cooperate with the WHO in relation to the IHR and the country entry points.

Furthermore, the Microbiology Laboratory of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Faculty of Medicine) was set as the competent laboratory for the investigation of any suspicious clinical specimen.

9 (c). Were maritime administrations within your jurisdiction consulted in relation to decisions taken within your jurisdiction during the Ebola outbreak?

The State Flag authorities, the Union of Greek Shipowners, the Hellenic Chamber of Shipping and other maritime authorities have been consulted, inter alia, by KEELPNO and have addressed numerous circulars and directions to crew, passengers, port authorities, shipping companies and vessels. Such circulars also advise on all the initiatives, actions and publications of the WHO on the outbreak of the virus as well as on the need for disease preparedness, co-ordination, public awareness, infection prevention, control and response plans.

KEELPNO was also very actively reporting and following up on any indication of Ebola infection. Pursuant to the IHR, a Written Emergency Response Plan must be drafted for every port in the country, which would specifically provide for the appointment of a Co-ordinator and for the duties of the relevant health and port authorities. KEELPNO provided instructions for the preparation of such Emergency Response Plan.

9 (d). Were those who took decisions in your jurisdiction during the Ebola outbreak aware of the requirements of:

(i) International Health regulations 2005; and
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(a) The Year 2000 and 2001 Tapes are made available to you;

(b) The Year 2000 and 2001 Tapes are delivered in the format specified by the Year 2000 and 2001 Tapes;

(c) The Year 2000 and 2001 Tapes are delivered in a manner that allows for their use in your Year 2000 and 2001 Tapes implementation.

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and Customs Regulations in order to incorporate into the national legal system the 2002, 2005 and 2009 amendments to the Annex of the FAL Convention, regarding the facilitation of the arrival, stay and departure of ships (eg. by virtue of Ministerial Decision No. 3136.A.16/2010 a Committee was established for the incorporation into the national legal system of the 2005 and 2009 Amendments to the Annex of FAL Convention 1965). Indeed, as per previous question No. 5, such amendments have been duly incorporated into the national legal system.

The Directorate for Ocean-going Shipping of the Ministry of Shipping & Island Policy is the competent designated national authority for all facilitation purposes under the FAL Convention. The Ministry is in close co-operation with the IMO Facilitation Committee in order to broaden the facilitation activities of IMO in Greece and place them on a permanent basis (eg. in relation to the incorporation into the Greek administrative procedures of the Principles adopted by the Facilitation Committee on 22/01/2009 FAL/Circ. 194 relating to Administrative Procedures for Disembarking Persons Rescued at Sea). All developments and initiatives for the implementation of the requirements of the International Conventions by the Greek authorities are published on the website of the Hellenic Coast Guard, www.hcg.gr and on the egov-vnet.gr.

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?

The question was addressed to the Hellenic Coast Guard at the Ministry of Shipping and Island Policy and accordingly it has been certified by virtue of their official response with Reg. No: 2122.639336/2015, that until 20.11.2015 no vessel has been denied free pratique, in the context of prevention of diseases and in particular in relation to the Avian flu or Ebola virus. Furthermore, it has been confirmed to us that all Port Authorities in Greece have been duly provided with all the Circulators and Directions of the Ministry of Health and the other Ministries which have further been responsible for addressing the Ebola virus outbreak, in order to be prepared to act in the context of their duties.

8. Are you aware if your jurisdiction has taken any steps to establish the care capacities identified in Sections A and B of Annex I of the International Health Regulations, and in particular a "national public health emergency response plan" in compliance with the International Health Regulations?

In compliance with the International Health Regulations (IHR), the Greek Ministry of Health has drafted the National Response Plan for Public Health in 2008. Furthermore, in order to respond to the need for a co-ordinated plan for the prevention of and response to the Ebola virus outbreak, especially with regard to emergencies arising from the spreading of the virus to the local society, the Ministry of Health has drafted the National Response Plan for Ebola Virus in December 2014 (published on the internet on 07.01.2015).

9. (a). What measures were taken by your jurisdiction during the recent Ebola outbreak?

In the context of harmonization of Greek law with IHR, the FAL Convention and MLC 2006 Convention, as well as in compliance with the requirements of the national legislation with regard to Public Health, the Greek State has taken legislative initiatives as of the end of 2014 for the purpose of preparing to respond to the Ebola virus outbreak and the possibility of its spreading to the local society, including but not limited to the following:

1. Ministerial Decision No. Τμ/Οικ.968/94/05.11.2014 on the “Designation of Hospital Units for the hospitalization of suspicious or confirmed cases of Ebola”

2. Ministerial Decision No. Α1/Τμ/Οικ.955/09/03.11.2014 on the “Establishment of a National Committee on Virus Hemorrhagic Fever” and its supplements

Ministerial Decision No. Τμ/Οικ.1088 on the “Plan to respond to Ebola “ATHENA”” (Ebola National Response Plan). This was issued and published on the main page of the web site of the Ministry of Health as well as of the Hellenic Centre for Disease Control & Prevention (KEELPNO).