

## **OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006 PROVISIONS ON SHIP SURVEYS, CERTIFICATION AND SEAFARER COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES REGULATIONS**

Public consultation was carried out in February and March 2013. One hundred and eighty-three organisations and companies were directly notified of the consultation exercise, including the UK Chamber of Shipping which represents a broad cross section of UK shipping companies in all sectors, and other trade associations such as the British Marine Federation and the International Marine Contractors Association.

Five written responses were received from significant players in the industry. These supported the need for the Regulations in general as an essential part of implementation of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006. They provided some detailed drafting comments on the regulations but primarily focussed on requests for improvement to the supporting guidance, which were taken into account in producing the final versions. There were no substantive comments on the approach taken or the proposed survey and inspection regime.

There was general support from industry for the MLC and recognition that these regulations are essential to UK implementation.

The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Survey and Certification) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1785) were made on 24 July 2013 and came into force on 15 August 2013. The Regulations are supported by –

- MSN 1848(M) on survey and certification;
- MSN 1849(M) on on-board complaints procedures; and
- MGN 487(M) on on-shore complaints procedures.