

OUTCOME OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON MERCHANT SHIPPING MINIMUM AGE REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006 PROVISIONS ON MINIMUM AGE (TITLE 1.1)

Public consultation was carried out in June and July 2013. One hundred and seventy-six 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. In summary, there was no opposition in principle to the implementation of the MLC standards. Some concerns raised on details of the UK implementation which were addressed through minor change to the Regulations and improved guidance, rather than substantive changes to the requirements.

In addition, no evidence was provided of costs and benefits arising from the requirements which the MCA had not foreseen. MCA's assessment that no significant costs would arise from the Regulations was not disputed.

The provisions covered by this consultation were consolidated with regulations implementing other parts of the MLC and became Part 2 of the Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention) (Minimum Requirements for Seafarers, etc) Regulations 2014 (S.I. 2014/1613), which came into force on 7 August 2014 and Merchant Shipping Notice 1838(M).