

Circular From Steamship**Date: 17 June 2022****AMSA Inspection - Hours of Work and Rest May 2022**

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) have recently issued marine notice [05/2022](#) advising that their inspectors will undertake a **Focused Inspection Campaign (FIC) – Hours of work and rest** which has been commenced on the 1st May 2022 and will be continued until 30th June 2022.

Purpose and Application –

Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC) and International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978 as amended requires that all seafarers are provided with minimum hours of rest or maximum hours of work.

The purpose of the FIC is to determine –

- The level of compliance with the minimum hours of rest or maximum hours of work for seafarers in accordance with the requirements of the conventions; and
- The familiarity of the master and officers with implementing the provisions when working onboard ships.

This FIC has been initiated by AMSA and is specific to Australian ports and will be applicable to all foreign flagged ships and Regulated Australian Vessels (RAVs) arriving at an Australian port.

Possible Outcome –

In accordance with the [IMO Resolution 1155 \(32\)](#) – Procedures for Port State Control, 2021, a failure to comply with the minimum hours of rest could be raised as deficiency, and if there is evidence that appropriate hours of rest for the crew have not been recorded correctly, and that there is a repeated failure to record minimum hours of rest, as per the conventions, then this could lead to the detention and subsequent delay of the vessel.

Recommendations –

Members are strongly recommended that their masters and officers are fully familiarised with the regulatory

requirements of the minimum hours of rest or maximum hours of work under –

- the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC).
- the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW).
- Australian Marine Orders [11](#) and [28](#); and
- their respective safety management system, including how they are implemented onboard.

A sample [FIC checklist](#) of the requirements to be used during this FIC is attached and can be downloaded directly from the [AMSA website](#).

Source of Information: The Steamship Mutual P&I Club