

Commonwealth of Dominica



Office of the Maritime Administrator

TO: ALL SHIPOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF MERCHANT SHIPS

SUBJECT: CREW ARTICLES OF AGREEMENTS-APPROVAL

REFERENCE:

- a) ILO Convention C22
- b) Commonwealth of Dominica International Maritime Act 2000, Section 165
- c) Commonwealth of Dominica International Maritime Regulations 2002, Regulation 76

PURPOSE: PROVIDES A STANDARD FORMAT OF AGREEMENT

APPLICABILITY: ALL DOMINICA SEAGOING VESSELS OF 15 NT OR MORE REGISTERED UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ACT 2000, OWNERS, MASTERS AND SEAMEN OF SUCH VESSELS

REQUIREMENTS:

1 General

Articles of Agreement, sometimes referred to as Shipping Articles, as required by Section 165 of the Commonwealth of Dominica International Maritime Act 2000, must be in the English language and of a provision and form prescribed by the Marine Administrator (in practice by the Deputy Maritime Administrator). No other form shall be used in lieu of the official form except that a foreign language version may be appended thereto or otherwise made a part thereof.

2 Format

This Circular provides a standard approved agreement format, which complies with the ILO Convention C22 (Seamen's Articles of Agreement Convention), and therefore may be used without individual submission to the Maritime Administrator for approval.

3 Outer cover

An outer protective cover should be provided, on the front of which provision should be made for the following information to be recorded:

- .1 name of the ship, port of registry and official number;
- .2 description of the ship, e.g. passenger, tanker, ferry, general cargo, bulk carrier;
- .3 register (net) tonnage;
- .4 name and address of registered owner or manager; and
- .5 dates and places of commencement and (if appropriate) termination of the agreement.

4 Records

Owners shall maintain copies of their Articles of Agreement for five (5) years.

5 Exceptions

Articles of Agreement shall not be required:

- .1 on following vessels:
 - .1 engaged solely on voyages between places within the Commonwealth of Dominica;
 - .2 pleasure yachts not engaged in trade;
 - .3 Indian country craft;
 - .4 fishing vessels;
 - .5 wooden vessels of primitive built;
 - .6 vessels not propelled by mechanical means; and
- .2 for the following persons:
 - .1 employed on vessels of less than 15 net tons;
 - .2 employed solely in ports in repairing, cleaning, stevedoring, and loading or unloading the vessels; and
 - .3 pilots.

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