



**REPUBLIC OF
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Guideline

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

SUBJECT: Accommodations, Recreational Facilities, Food, Catering, and Water

References: (a) **Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, ([MLC, 2006](#))**, as amended by the [2022 Amendments](#)
(b) **RMI Marine Notice [7-044-1](#)**, *Accommodations, Recreational Facilities, Food, Catering, and Water*

PURPOSE

This Marine Guideline (MG) provides the Republic of the Marshall Islands Maritime Administrator's (the "Administrator") recommendations regarding living conditions and arrangements on board ships subject to the [MLC, 2006](#). They are in addition to the guidance provided in Title 3, Part B of the Code to MLC, 2006. This MG, which should be read in conjunction with Marine Notice (MN) [7-044-1](#), also highlights the related guidelines adopted by the International Labour Organization in 2022.

APPLICABILITY

This MG applies to all RMI-flagged vessels to which the MLC, 2006 applies.

GUIDANCE

1.0 Sleeping Rooms

- 1.1 Sleeping rooms should not be located adjacent to officer or crew lounges for reasons such as traffic in the passageway, noise transmitted through bulkheads, decks, or overheads. They also should not be located near recreational facilities for these reasons.
- 1.2 Sleeping rooms should not be arranged adjoining a mess room, even though the high noise-reduction type joiner bulkhead is installed between the mess room and sleeping room.

2.0 Hospital Accommodations

The number of hospital berths that should be provided are:

- 1.1 one berth on each ship carrying a crew of 15 or more persons and engaged in a voyage of more than three days duration;
- 1.2 one additional berth for every 50, or fraction of 50, members of the crew or special personnel; and
- 1.3 in any case there need not be more than six berths.

3.0 Laundry Facilities

The laundry facilities provided for seafarers' use should include washing machines supplied with hot and cold fresh water.

4.0 Mosquito Protection

The World Health Organization's [International Health Regulations](#) and [Guide to Ship Sanitation](#) should be considered in meeting the requirement for protection against mosquitos in MLC, 2006, Standard A3.1.16 as implemented by [MN 7-044-1](#). It contains ship design and construction guidelines for the control of insects (including flies and mosquitos). Spaces addressed include sleeping quarters, mess rooms, dining rooms, indoor recreational areas, and food spaces. Control measures that may be employed by the Master and crew are also provided.

5.0 2022 Amendments to the MLC, 2006

The [2022 Amendments](#) to the guidelines in Part B of the MLC, 2006 Code take effect 23 December 2024. Particular attention should be paid to:

- 5.1 Ship-to-shore telephone communications (B3.1.11.4(j)): seafarers should be provided with reasonable access to ship-to-shore telephone communications where available, with any charges for the use of these services being reasonable in amount; and
- 5.2 Internet access (B3.1.11.8): Shipowners should, so as far as is reasonably practicable, provide seafarers on board ships with Internet access, with charges, if any, being reasonable in amount.