

# PR 10B Procedure for the Selection, Training, Qualification and Authorisation of Maritime Labour Inspectors

(Addendum  
Rev.0 to  
PR 10B  
New,  
Dec 2016)

The development and spread of Coronavirus COVID-19 and its resultant declaration as a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) has led to an unprecedented range of control and response measures being implemented by many Governments and organisations across the world. The cumulative effect of these responses is having a significant impact on the normal operations of ships, potentially impacting on world trade.

In response to requests from the IMO Secretary General, industry stakeholders and several industry associations, for proactive action to ensure disruptions to safe and compliant ship operations are minimised, and individual action by some national Administrations in permitting extensions to validity of statutory certificates, IACS has considered appropriate temporary amendments to relevant procedural requirements in the light of the current COVID-19 force majeure situation.

Having considered the matter carefully, IACS Council have agreed the following amendments to this Procedural Resolution which, provided any associated conditions are met, will supersede the existing text in **PR 10B New** with immediate effect and will remain in force until the **31 March 2021**.

In March 2021, the IACS Council will review the prevailing conditions with regard to Covid-19 at that time and, taking into consideration the ongoing control measures in place at that time, assess the ongoing need for this addendum and, if necessary, the duration of any further extension.

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For the duration as shown in the validity section below, Paragraph 4, 6 & 9 in this document overrides that shown in PR 10B New

**4. Theoretical training**

4.3 A minimum of five days of theoretical training shall be provided. Where appropriate, some elements may be delivered by means such as distance learning and e-learning. One day of distance or e-learning is considered equivalent to one day of classroom training. However, at least three days shall be classroom-based in order to allow for discussion and debate and to allow candidates to benefit from the experience of the trainer.

In case of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the Society, "at least three days shall be classroom-based" may not be possible to carry out. Distance learning or e-learning based on modern network technique which has the function to allow discussion and debate between trainees and trainers, could be considered equivalent to the classroom-based training.

Records of the equivalence shall be maintained by the Society.

**6. Practical training**

6.1 A person authorised to carry out maritime labour inspection must have completed under supervision and in accordance with the following criteria at least:

1. one inspection within the scope of maritime labour initial, intermediate or renewal inspection for a qualified marine management systems auditor; or
2. two inspections within the scope of maritime labour initial, intermediate or renewal inspection for a survey staff not qualified as a marine management systems auditor.

6.2 All training inspections stated in 6.1 above must be carried out under the supervision of qualified inspectors and inspections must be completed within twenty-four months of the end of the theoretical training.

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**9. Maintenance of authorisation**

9.1 A qualified inspector who has not performed at least one maritime labour inspection, addressing all aspects of the MLC, 2006 in any twenty-four-month period shall be required to undergo revalidation training of one maritime labour inspection under the supervision of a qualified inspector. ISM/ISPS audits can be substituted for the maintenance of this authorisation.

In case of extraordinary circumstances beyond the control of the Society, an extension of three (3) months beyond due date, may be allowed for the following cases:

- where it is not possible to complete all training inspections stated in 6.1 of this PR above under the supervision of qualified inspectors within twenty-four months of the end of the theoretical training;

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- where it is not possible for qualified inspector to perform at least one maritime labour inspection, addressing all aspects of the MLC, 2006 in any twenty-four-month period, as required by para.9.1 of this PR.

Record of any such extensions granted are to be maintained by the Society.

**Validity of Notice**

Enter into force date: 22 May 2020

Valid until 31 March 2021

To be reviewed by IACS Council in the beginning of March 2021 to decide whether to further extend the validity or to revoke the notice.

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