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G.S.R. _____(E).— In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 218A and Section 457 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules to amend the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016 namely:

1. Short Title and Commencement. –

(1) These rules may be called the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.

2. In the Merchant Shipping (Recruitment and Placement of Seafarers) Rules, 2016 (herein after referred to as the principal rules), after rule 8, the following sub-rule shall be added;

8A. (1) Maritime Labour Convention Compliance Board –

(1) For the purposes of execution and monitoring of functions under these rules and to ensure compliance of Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006, the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) Compliance Board shall be consulted by the Director General which shall function as a consultative and advisory body.

(2) The MLC Compliance Board shall be chaired by the Director General of Shipping and shall comprise the following members:

- i. Additional Director General of Shipping, Member
- ii. Chief Surveyor, Member
- iii. Nautical Advisor, Member
- iv. Chief Ship Surveyor, Member
- v. All Principal officers of Mercantile Marine Departments (MMDs), Member
- vi. All Deputy Director General of Shipping, Member
- vii. All Director of Seamen Employment Office, Member
- viii. All Shipping Master, Member
- ix. Chief Administrative and Accounts officer, SWFS, Member
- x. Commissioner, SPSFO, Member
- xi. Such other additional members as may be co-opted by the Director General of Shipping.

(3) Provided that in the absence of the Chairman, any member, who is duly authorised by the Director General, may chair the meetings of the Board.

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