

**Updating of the minimum monthly basic pay or wage figure for able seafarers:
Seafarers' Wages, Hours of Work and the Manning of Ships Recommendation,
1996 (No. 187);
Maritime Labour Convention, 2006, Guideline B2.2.4 – Minimum monthly basic
pay or wage figure for able seafarers**

Calculations based on updated figures up to 1 January 2014

See Tables 1 and 2 attached.

Table 1 shows the list of countries which are major maritime countries. Column 1 shows the changes that took place in consumer prices between 1 July 2011 and 1 January 2014, the period to be used for adjustment, Columns 2 and 3 present the average exchange rates as at 1 July 2011 and 1 January 2014, and column 4 shows the purchasing power equivalent on 1 January 2014 of 585 US dollars on 1 July 2011 in the 57 selected countries and areas.

Table 2 contains the resulting data from column 4 of Table 1 arranged in ascending order of magnitude. The median is then calculated using weights equal to one for countries and areas with less than 10,000 seafarers, and two for countries and areas with 10,000 or more seafarers, as required by the 1991 resolution. The median is 45.5 (cumulated weight) corresponding approximately to the values between Italy (US\$ 573.98) and Malaysia (US\$ 575.28).

Table 1. Changes in the purchasing power of the United States dollar in selected countries and areas, 1 July 2011 to 1 January 2013 (2013 list of countries)

Country or area	Currency	Consumer Price Index 1 January 2014 (base 1 July 2011=100)	Exchange rate:		Purchasing power equivalent on 1 January 2014 of US\$585 on 1 July 2011	Weights
			1 July 2011 (3-month average)	1 January 2014 (3 -month average)		
		[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	
Antigua and Barbuda	E. Caribbean Dollar	105.05	2.700	2.700	614.525	1
Bahamas	Bahamian dollar	102.69	1.000	1.000	600.760	1
Belgium	Euro	104.16	0.687	0.731	572.220	1
Bermuda	Bermudian dollar	104.96	1.000	1.000	614.040	1
Brazil	Brazilian real	114.63	1.584	2.279	466.006	2
Bulgaria	Leva	103.62	1.343	1.430	569.285	2
Cambodia	Riels	105.44	4074.333	4011.160	626.567	2
Canada	Canadian dollar	102.47	0.963	1.057	546.491	2
Cayman Islands	Cayman islands dollar	103.63	0.800	0.800	606.259	1
Chile	Chilean peso	106.88	466.160	520.177	560.304	2
China	Chinese yuan	104.41	6.485	6.125	646.701	2
Croatia	Kuna	105.90	5.092	5.565	566.922	2
Cyprus	Euro	99.85	0.687	0.731	548.551	1
Denmark	Danish krone	103.10	5.121	5.441	567.672	1
Egypt	Egyptian pound	122.63	5.940	6.944	613.695	2
France	Euro	102.97	0.687	0.731	565.670	2
Germany	Euro	104.17	0.687	0.731	572.294	2
Gibraltar	Gibraltar pound	104.22	0.610	0.614	605.705	1
Greece	Euro	99.65	0.687	0.731	547.461	2
Honduras	Honduran lempira	112.18	18.895	20.655	600.331	2
Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong dollar	110.31	7.775	7.753	647.129	1
India	Indian rupee	129.03	44.710	61.901	545.192	2
Indonesia	Indonesian rupiah	116.08	8569.333	11800.000	493.167	2
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Iranian rials	180.91	10563.667	24836.000	450.148	1
Isle of Man	Isle of Man Pound	106.32	0.610	0.614	617.899	1
Italy	Euro	104.48	0.687	0.731	573.983	2
Japan	Japanese yen	101.24	81.210	101.623	473.267	2
Korea, Republic of	Korean won	103.98	1072.800	1058.167	616.715	2
Kuwait	Kuwaiti dinar	105.21	0.274	0.282	597.366	1
Liberia	Liberian dollar	114.57	72.667	76.705	634.928	1
Malaysia	Malaysian ringgit	105.53	3.002	3.222	575.283	2

Malta	Euro	104.74	0.687	0.731	575.406	1
Marshall Islands	US dollar	105.06	1.000	1.000	614.620	1
Myanmar	Myanmar kyat	110.28	788.437	983.501	517.204	2
Netherlands	Euro	105.13	0.687	0.731	577.561	1
Norway	Norwegian krone	103.56	5.340	6.043	535.303	2
Pakistan	Pakistan rupee	123.52	85.518	107.053	577.256	2
Panama	Panamian balboa	111.38	1.000	1.000	651.546	2
Philippines	Philippine peso	108.14	43.268	43.776	625.281	2
Poland	Polish zloty	105.08	2.716	3.049	547.630	2
Romania	Romanian leu	107.14	2.841	3.255	547.212	2
Russian Federation	Russian rouble	114.68	27.882	32.661	572.708	2
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian riyal	101.48	3.750	3.750	593.667	1
Singapore	Singapore dollar	109.21	1.230	1.253	627.021	1
Spain	Euro	104.31	0.687	0.731	573.052	1
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka rupee	116.76	109.740	130.986	572.254	2
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	E. Caribbean Dollar	103.41	2.700	2.700	604.966	1
Sweden	Swedish krona	101.21	6.176	6.474	564.773	2
Taiwan, China	New Taiwan Dollar	102.60	28.899	29.631	585.348	1
Tanzania	Tanzania shilling	130.05	1530.741	1591.710	731.634	1
Thailand	Tai baht	105.65	30.332	32.000	585.807	2
Turkey	Turkish lira	121.77	1.576	2.049	547.944	2
Ukraine	Hryvnias	99.14	7.969	7.993	578.272	2
United Kingdom	Pound sterling	107.75	0.610	0.614	626.215	2
United States	US dollar	103.25	1.000	1.000	603.994	2
Vanuatu	Vatu	103.21	89.183	91.223	590.272	1
Vietnam	Dong	118.11	20653.000	21139.523	675.056	2

Notes: CPI figures for Liberia were estimated from the price movements in Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Mali Senegal and Sierra Leone; Price index data for the Marshall Islands for 2009 onwards were estimated with prices of Fiji and Guam. Price index data for Gibraltar relate to April 2011 and October 2013; CPI data for Marshall Islands relate to May 2011 and November 2013; and data for Vanuatu relate to May 2011 and November 2013.

Sources: Consumer price indices (CPI) were obtained from the ILO database on labour statistics, LABORSTA (<http://laborsta.ilo.org>).

Exchange rates were obtained from the International Money Fund database (<http://elibrary-data.imf.org/>), with the exception of Taiwan, China obtained from the Central Bank of the Republic of China (Taiwan, China) web site (<http://www.cbc.gov.tw/content.asp?CuItem=1878>).

Table 2. Countries and areas arranged in ascending order of purchasing power, with corresponding weights
(2013 list of countries)

Country or area	Number of US\$ on 1 January 2014 with the same purchasing power as US\$585 on 1 July 2011	Weighting	Cumulative weighting
Iran, Islamic Republic of	450.148	1	1
Brazil	466.006	2	3
Japan	473.267	2	5
Indonesia	493.167	2	7
Myanmar	517.204	2	9
Norway	535.303	2	11
India	545.192	2	13
Canada	546.491	2	15
Romania	547.212	2	17
Greece	547.461	2	19
Poland	547.630	2	21
Turkey	547.944	2	23
Cyprus	548.551	1	24
Chile	560.304	2	26
Sweden	564.773	2	28
France	565.670	2	30
Croatia	566.922	2	32
Denmark	567.672	1	33
Bulgaria	569.285	2	35
Belgium	572.220	1	36
Sri Lanka	572.254	2	38
Germany	572.294	2	40
Russian Federation	572.708	2	42
Spain	573.052	1	43
Italy	573.983	2	45
Malaysia	575.283	2	47
Malta	575.406	1	48
Pakistan	577.256	2	50
Netherlands	577.561	1	51
Ukraine	578.272	2	53
Taiwan, China	585.348	1	54
Thailand	585.807	2	56
Vanuatu	590.272	1	57
Saudi Arabia	593.667	1	58
Kuwait	597.366	1	59
Honduras	600.331	2	61
Bahamas	600.760	1	62
United States	603.994	2	64
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	604.966	1	65
Gibraltar	605.705	1	66
Cayman Islands	606.259	1	67
Egypt	613.695	2	69
Bermuda	614.040	1	70
Antigua and Barbuda	614.525	1	71
Marshall Islands	614.620	1	72
Korea, Republic of	616.715	2	74
Isle of Man	617.899	1	75
Philippines	625.281	2	77

United Kingdom	626.215	2	79
Cambodia	626.567	2	81
Singapore	627.021	1	82
Liberia	634.928	1	83
China	646.701	2	85
Hong Kong, China	647.129	1	86
Panama	651.546	2	88
Vietnam	675.056	2	90
Tanzania	731.634	1	91
Median	574.633	91	45.5