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## Supplier launches software to help seafarer nutrition



**A** new software programme has been launched by Wrist Ship Supply to help improve the health of seafarers.

The Danish-based company explained that the Xena software is a menu-planning tool and electronic cookbook that gives ship owners inventory control, reducing waste and enabling transparency to ensure they stay within nutritional guidelines. The

recipes also provide cost per meal information and reconcile this against existing food stock.

Xena enables ordering, stock and menu planning that takes into account regulations around seafarer catering stipulated in the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006, which is expected to enter into force next August.

While the regulation will benefit ship owners by giving them a regulatory point of reference for the first time, this will bring additional complexities for ship supply.

Wrist said that managing these complexities through an intelligent software system would deliver genuine value to ship owners and operators, enabling them to concentrate on core operations, reducing the risk of fines and providing a resource that delivers transparency and budget control.

Robert Steen Kledal, Managing Director of Wrist Ship Supply, said for

many seafarers, away from their families for lengthy periods and facing threats of piracy, mealtimes were a key social part of the day so catering for a crew's nutritional needs was therefore a priority. The quality of food also has to be balanced with religious dietary requirements, allergies and healthy eating standards.

He said: "Transparency and budget control are key priorities for our customers and, in the current market, ensuring optimum efficiency is a challenge. Add to this the reality of regulation such as the Maritime Labour Convention 2006, and we see a real need for a software programme that can deliver a solution for both of these issues.

"Xena has been developed to provide an intuitive and interactive procurement process and we are pleased to launch this software at a time when efficiency is at a premium." ■