

Antigua & Barbuda authorizes GL for MLC 2006 certification

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Antigua & Barbuda has ratified the Convention on the 11th of August and GL is now authorized to provide inspection and certification services for ships flying the A&B flag.

As the 17th ILO Member State, Antigua and Barbuda has ratified the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 on 11th of August.

The MLC 2006 provides a framework of mandatory requirements and non-mandatory guidelines on the working and living conditions of seafarers on seagoing ships.

The flag State Administration gives complete effect to the Convention and has implemented the related national requirements in the Antigua and Barbuda Maritime Legislation.

Germanischer Lloyd welcomes the proactive role the Antigua & Barbuda registry has taken by ratifying the MLC 2006, providing certainty on the related national provisions and putting shipowners in the position to prepare for certification of their fleet.

GL as Recognized Organization acting on behalf of the flag State is now authorized to conduct related review, inspection and certification tasks.

We offer already now MLC 2006 pre-certification to ships flying the Antigua & Barbuda flag. The pre-certification allows customers to avoid the bottlenecks and delays that are expected in 2012/2013 and guarantees a smooth, speedy transfer to MLC 2006 certification.

Currently 18 Member States have ratified MLC 2006. While the necessary 33 per cent of the world gross tonnage are already represented by these States, there are 12 more ratifications necessary for the entry into force of the Convention.

12 months after the 30th ratification, the Convention will be in force and ships of 500 gross tonnes and above trading internationally will have to be certified for compliance.

In order to benefit from GL's statutory services under the MLC 2006 for your Antigua & Barbuda flagged ship, owners are invited to consult the Antigua & Barbuda Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention, 2006) Regulations 2011 for assessment of their existing procedures and to request the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) Part I for the ship from the Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping (ADOMS). The measures taken to ensure compliance with the national requirements implementing the MLC 2006 will be laid down in the DMLC Part II, prepared by the shipowners.

GL offers prior the anticipated entry into force date a review of DMLC II against Part I, as required by the Convention, the inspection onboard and the issuance of the Maritime Labour Convention Statement of Compliance.

To learn more about GL's ILO Team and services offered in connection with the MLC 2006, please consult <http://www.gl-group.com/en/sio/ilo-mlc2006.php>.

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