

Antigua & Barbuda specifies Voluntary Compliance Procedure for MLC 2006

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Antigua & Barbuda strongly supports Owners / Managers wishing to apply for voluntary MLC 2006 compliance

Following the ratification of the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 on 11th of August, the flag State Administration has now set up the procedure for voluntary compliance certification.

The Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping Antigua and Barbuda issued the [Class Advisory Note CAN 002-2011](#) which can be found attached, and placed an electronic copy of The Merchant Shipping (Maritime Labour Convention, 2006) Regulations, 2011 on their website www.antiguamarine.com.

GL as Recognized Organization acting on behalf of the flag State is authorized to conduct related review, inspection and certification tasks, prescribed in the CAN under numbers 7 to 9.

We are looking forward to offer our MLC 2006 Certification services to your Antigua & Barbuda flagged ship and assist you to avoid the expected bottleneck once the Convention enters into force.

Currently 19 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 11 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.

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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Maritime Labour Convention 2006 – Ratified by Antigua and Barbuda Voluntary Compliance Procedure

Background

Antigua and Barbuda has ratified the Maritime Labour Convention 2006. The ratification was registered by the ILO on the 10th August 2011.

Antigua and Barbuda has also published MLC Flag State regulations that will apply to vessels under the Antigua and Barbuda flag as required by the Convention. These are titled THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006) Regulations 2011.

To assist Owners in preparing for the implementation of these regulations, a copy of the Antigua and Barbuda MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION 2006) REGULATIONS 2011 has been placed on the ADOMS website.

Antigua and Barbuda strongly supports Owners / Managers who wish to apply for vessel(s) voluntary compliance prior to entry into force of the Convention.

Procedure for MLC Voluntary Compliance

- 1) Shipowner / Manager will conduct a gap analysis of vessel(s) and Company policies against Antigua and Barbuda Flag Administration (A&B) MLC Regulations.
- 2) Any areas of concern resulting from the gap analysis carried out by Owner / Manager should be discussed with relevant Recognised Organisation and or directly with A&B.
- 3) Formal request to be made for issuance of DMLC part I to A&B. For the interim period the issuance of the DMLC Part I will be covered by the St John's Office.
- 4) DMLC Part I will be issued by A&B with copy to the Recognised Organisation. Any exemptions or substantial equivalences that have been agreed by A & B will be clearly stated on the DMLC part I.
- 5) Upon receipt of the DMLC part I the Owner / Manager will move to the second stage of the process and complete the DMLC part II.

- 6) DMLC part II, available on the A&B web site, is then prepared by the Owner / Manager and submitted, together with the ship specific DMLC part I, to the Recognised Organisation for review, with copy to A&B.
- 7) Upon review of both the DMLC part I and DMLC part II by the Recognised Organisation and acceptance, the vessel(s) inspection process is agreed with the Recognised Organisation.
- 8) Subject to a satisfactory MLC inspection of the vessel(s) by the Recognised Organisation, an MLC Statement of Compliance will be issued by the Recognised Organisation on behalf of A&B. The Statement of Compliance will be accompanied by the DMLC Parts I and II.
- 9) Subsequently when the MLC enters into force the Recognised Organisation will issue to the vessel(s) a Maritime Labour Certificate on behalf of A&B. This certificate will be valid to a date not more than 5 years from the date of issue of the DMLC parts I and II.

If Recognised Organisations have any further questions or require further clarification on the process please do not hesitate to contact the Technical Department in the St John's office.

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