



## INFORMATION LETTER 001-2010

to

**all Filing Agents and Crewing Companies operating ships and crew under  
the flag of Antigua and Barbuda**

### Maritime Labour Convention 2006

New maritime labour standards were established at the 94<sup>th</sup> International Labour Conference 23rd February 2006 in Geneva.

**The Maritime Labour Convention 2006 (MLC 2006) applies to both seafarers and ships.**

A Maritime Labour Certificate (MLC) and a Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) will be required to ensure compliance with the Convention for all ships of 500 gross tonnage and above engaged in international voyages and for all ships of 500 gross tonnage or over, flying the Flag of a Member State and operating from a port or between ports, in another country.

The MLC 2006 will enter into force one year after 30 Member States with a minimum of 33% of the world tonnage have ratified it. It is expected from current projections that the MLC 2006 will enter into force in December 2011 based upon EU's planned ratifications before 31 December 2010 but of course this is subject to change.

Antigua and Barbuda are currently working on the construction and production of the MLC Flag State rules and regulations that will apply to vessels under the Antigua and Barbuda flag as required by the Convention. These will be titled THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION) REGULATIONS 2010.

It is anticipated that these rules and regulations will be available for viewing in the last quarter of 2010.

Updates will be published in due course.

Further information regarding this Convention, if required, can be obtained by contacting

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