



INFORMATION LETTER 005-2011

to

all Owners, Managing Owners and Crewing Companies operating ships and crew under the flag of Antigua and Barbuda

Maritime Labour Convention 2006 – Ratified by Antigua and Barbuda
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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's ratification now brings the number of member States who have ratified this Convention to 17. It is forecasted that a further 13 member States will ratify this Convention by the end of 2011 thus enabling the Convention to enter into force at the end of 2012.

The requirements for the MLC 2006 to enter into force are for 30 Member States to have ratified the Convention, with a minimum of 33% of the world GT.

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 GT and above engaged in international voyages flying the Flag of a Member State.

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.

Further information regarding voluntary compliance with this Convention, should it be desired prior to entry into force of the MLC 2006 possibly at the end of 2012 will be posted on our web site shortly for Owners and Managing Owners wishing to apply.

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