



INFORMATION LETTER 006 – 2011

to

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

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| <p>Maritime Labour Convention 2006 – Ratified by Antigua and Barbuda Voluntary Compliance Procedure</p> |
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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. Applications should be made to the A&B St John's Office. The request should state the Owners / Managers name (s), vessels name (s), IMO numbers and vessels GT.
- 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. The DMLC part II is attached to this information letter.
- 6) DMLC part II 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 you 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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