



## **INFORMATION LETTER 003 -2011 Update II**

to

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

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

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.

The MLC 2006 will enter into force one year after 30 Member States, with a minimum of 33% of the world GT, have ratified the Convention. To date only 12 Member States have ratified the Convention.

Antigua and Barbuda has now completed the construction and production of the MLC Flag State 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 2011.

To assist Owners to voluntarily prepare for the implementation of MLC 2006 a copy of the Antigua and Barbuda MLC 2006 Regulations will shortly be published on the ADOMS website for guidance.

It should be noted that the regulations are subject to amendment.

It is anticipated that Antigua and Barbuda will ratify the Convention mid 2011.

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