

# 2006 Maritime Labour Convention

LET US HELP YOU TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF MLC 2006

## BACKGROUND

International Labour Organization, convened at Geneva on 7 February 2006 in its Ninety-fourth Session, has promoted the core of decent conditions of work and developed a single, coherent instrument ---so called Maritime Labour Convention,2006 which becomes “the 4th pillar” of international regulations in addition to SOLAS, MARPOL & STCW---based on international rules related and all standards of existing international labour conventions.

### © Frame of MLC, 2006

The Convention is comprised of three parts: First is convention Articles; Second – Regulations – is substantial content and requirements; Third includes two components – mandatory part A and not mandatory part B suggesting guideline of all standards of part A.

The regulations and the code are organized into general areas under five titles:

- Title 1: Minimum requirements for seafarers to work on a ship;
- Title 2: Conditions of employment;
- Title 3: Accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering;
- Title 4: Health protection, medical care, welfare and social security protection;
- Title 5: Compliance and enforcement.

### © Condition of Entry into Force

The Convention shall come into force 12 months after the date on which there have been Registered ratifications by at least 30 Members with a total share in the world gross tonnage of ships of 33%.

### © Scope of Application

The Convention applies to :

- 1) all ships which engaged in commercial activities except warships or naval auxiliaries.
  - 2) And all seafarers.
- 500 gross tonnage and more engaged in international voyages must hold Maritime Labour Certificate and Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance.



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## ◎ Inspection Content of MLC,2006

Mainly focuses on surveillance and inspection involving the minimum age, the working time, the occupational safety and the health protection, the accommodation and catering standards, the medical care, wage, complain, repatriation, the labour supervision and the social security protection and so on, thus achieve to provide the decent working condition and the special protection goal for seafarers.

## ◎ The Latest Ratification Status of the Convention

At present Liberia, Marshall Islands, Bahamas, Norway, Panama, Spain, Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia already ratified the convention, the gross tons reaching 40% of the world gross tons.

## ◎ Effect of Entry into Force

The presenting convention, which has positive and profound influence on protecting basic rights and interests of global seafarers and promoting continual and healthy development of international marine transportation industry, will effectively unify the working and social security standards of seafarers.

## CCS' APPROACH

- 1) Since Maritime Labour Convention adopted, CCS could comprehend the convention rightly by monitoring the latest status of the convention, conducting studies on MLC, 2006, guidelines for flag states inspection and Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspection, and presenting related research, discussion, lectures and training organized by IACS and ILO.
- 2) Extensively dialogue with the competent authorities, seafarer unions and shipowner organization including operators to get tripartite information and tendency.
- 3) Dispatched staff to present trainer training course organized by Training Center of ILO, and obtained the trainer certificate.
- 4) In order to undertake authorization from flag states to make whole plan to train some inspectors, who service in 67 domestic and overseas branches, meeting the requirement of MLC, 2006 before coming into force.
- 5) To deliver lectures to shipowners or companies in China.
- 6) To communicate and cooperate with other classification societies in MLC, 2006.
- 7) Completed the compiling work of guideline for implementation of MLC, 2006
- 8) To develop the intelligence inquiry system of MLC, 2006, Guidelines for flag states inspection, Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspection and requirements of flag states.
- 9) To develop inspection and certification system for MLC, 2006
- 10) Researching on ship demonstration, to assist owners to take actions to meet the requirements of MLC, 2006

## SERVICES PROVIDED BY CCS

After undertaking authorization from flag states, CCS may provide following services :

- 1) To approve Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance
- 2) To carry on maritime labour condition inspection on board ship for confirming compliance with the convention requirements, and issue or endorse Maritime Labour Certificate.
- 3) To approve accommodation plan for new building ship according to convention requirements.
- 4) To provide training related to MLC, 2006, guidelines for flag states inspection and Guidelines for port State control officers carrying out inspection.
- 5) To help shipowner or company to establish related procedures meeting the convention requirements.



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