



## PANAMA MARITIME AUTHORITY

### MERCHANT MARINE CIRCULAR MMC-253

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**To:** Ship-owners/Operators, Company Security Officers, Legal Representatives of Panamanian Flagged Vessels, Panamanian Merchant Marine Consulates and Recognized Organizations (ROs).

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**Subject:** Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), National Legislation Status.

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**Reference:** Law 2 of January 6, 2009.

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1. The purpose of this circular is to inform our users that the process of adaptation of the national law to the requirements of the Maritime Labour Convention, MLC, 2006 has been finalized, after its full submission to a tripartite consultation through a Commission that was created for this purpose formed by representatives of the governments and organizations representing shipowners and seafarers.
2. As a result of the consensus carried out by the Panama Maritime Authority while adapting the national law and committed to the principles of the International Labour Organization, in the future, it shall not be necessary to hold any consultation with the Special Tripartite Committee based on Article VII of the MLC, which guarantees that the adopted regulation along with the social interlocutors and in a tripartite manner shall not be subject to modifications, unlike the Administrations that do not count with organizations representing shipowners and seafarers.
3. The Administration is currently reviewing the final document, which shall become the national legislation of Law 2 of January 6, 2009, expected to be finalized by the end of 2012.

Any question can be directed to the E-mail account: [mlc@segumar.com](mailto:mlc@segumar.com).

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