

Maritime Labour Convention, 2006

Established and Amended Rules and Guidance

Rules for the Inspection and Registration of Maritime Labour Systems
Guidance for the Inspection and Registration of Maritime Labour Systems
Regulations for the Issue of Statutory Certificate

Reason for Establishment and Amendment

Even though the International Labour Organization (ILO) has adopted a total of 68 Conventions and Recommendations since 1920, the implementation of many of these Conventions and Recommendations is still pending because they have not yet been ratified by some member states.

In order to expedite the ratification process, the ILO consolidated and amended many of these Conventions. As a result, the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC, 2006) was adopted in February 2006 in order to improve the working environment of seafarers and ensure fair competition in the maritime shipping industry. The requirements for MLC, 2006 to enter into force were met on 20 August 2012, meaning it will go into effect in one year's time on 20 August 2013.

Accordingly, the Rules and Guidance for the Inspection and Registration of Maritime Labour Systems was newly established and related requirements were amended based on MLC, 2006.

Outline of Establishment and Amendment

- (1) Stipulated requirements related to marine labour systems and their survey procedures.
- (2) Stipulated that a "Maritime Labour Certificate" be issued for ships complying with the above requirements.