

# Republic of the Marshall Islands

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#### MARINE SAFETY ADVISORY NO. 51-12

**To: Regional Marine Safety Offices, Nautical Inspectors, Masters, Owners/Agents**

**Subject: MARITIME LABOUR CONVENTION, 2006 (MLC, 2006)**

**Date: 21 August 2012**

Please be advised that, as of 20 August 2012, 30 member States representing a total share in the world gross tonnage of ships of at least 33% have ratified the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006<sup>1</sup> (MLC, 2006). This begins a one (1) year period of implementation, at the end of which certification of compliance with all provisions of the MLC, 2006 shall become mandatory. The Convention will enter into force on 20 August 2013.

More information can be found on the website at this link: <http://www.register-iri.com/index.cfm?action=page&page=292&fromPage=5>.

Below are the directions for the recommended procedure for obtaining certification for the MLC, 2006.

#### **RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR SHIPOWNERS/OPERATORS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION FOR THE MLC, 2006**

**Step 1:** Perform a gap analysis of ship and company policies against the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) National provisions, outlined in the pro forma DMLC Part I available in RMI Marine Notice 2-011-33 or at the following link: <http://www.register-iri.com/userfiles/file/MSD400A.doc>.

**Step 2:** Any areas of concern, such as where a substantial equivalency/exemption may be permitted, are to be brought to the attention of the Administrator by email at [regulatoryaffairs@register-iri.com](mailto:regulatoryaffairs@register-iri.com) for evaluation.

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<sup>1</sup> The MLC, 2006 is a consolidation and updating of 68 maritime labor instruments which was unanimously adopted by the ILO in February 2006.

**Step 3:** A formal request for issuance of the DMLC Part I is prepared and sent to the Administrator by email at [regulatoryaffairs@register-iri.com](mailto:regulatoryaffairs@register-iri.com) detailing the following information for each vessel:

- Vessel Name;
- IMO Number;
- Gross Tonnage; and
- Any substantial equivalencies/exemptions as may have been agreed with the Administrator (indicate “none” otherwise)

**Step 4:** The DMLC Part I will then be issued; a PDF copy will be emailed to the requestor and the original will be couriered to the requestor’s attention.

**Step 5:** Upon issuance of the DMLC Part I, the DMLC Part II is prepared by the Company/Shipowner (in consultation with the RO) for certification of the DMLC Part II by the RO.

**Step 6:** Upon completion of the DMLC (Part I and Part II), the vessel inspection process for issuance of the Maritime Labour Certificate is arranged, which may include any preparatory documentation review ashore prior to the onboard inspection.