

To the shipowners' associations

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The Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC), will enter into force on 20 August 2013. Against this background, the Danish Maritime Authority would hereby like to inform about further proceedings as regards certification, etc.

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As you will know, the Danish Maritime Authority consulted the maritime industry organisations about a number of MLC orders during 2012. At present, the well over 25 MLC orders, etc. are being issued with entry into force on 20 August 2013. Thus, the MLC and the Danish rules and regulations implementing the MLC will apply from that date.

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In this connection, the Danish Maritime Authority has established a special section about the MLC on our English webpage <http://www.dma.dk/Ships/MLC/> ([Link](#)) containing information about the Convention and the coming Danish MLC regulations as well as the Danish text for the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance, Part I ([DMLC Part I](#)), for the special MLC certificate. Later, this section will be available in Danish as well.

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Thus, the Danish rules and regulations will be in place before long so that the Danish Maritime Authority as well as the recognized organizations in consultation with the Danish Maritime Authority can initiate MLC inspections from **20 March 2013** until the entry into force of the MLC.

In this connection, it will, from 20 March 2013, be possible for the shipowners' associations to request the Danish Maritime Authority to issue a DMLC Part I and to start drawing up the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance, Part II ([DMLC Part II](#)), for the ships that are to hold internationally valid MLC certificates from 20 August 2013.

Against this background, the Danish Maritime Authority hereby requests the Danish Shipowners' Association to urge shipowners with ships engaged in international trade to initiate the MLC process for inspection and certification from 20 March 2013.

- **As regards classed cargo ships engaged in international trade**, please contact the Danish Maritime Authority to be issued with a DMLC Part I. The request, which should be forwarded to

cfs@dma.dk, must be accompanied by documentation of any exemptions granted in the fields of accommodation and recreational facilities. When a DMLC Part I has been issued by the Danish Maritime Authority, the shipowner is to contact a recognized classification society for approval of the shipowner's DMLC Part II and, in this connection, the holding of an inspection and certification for issuance of an MLC certificate by the recognized organization.

- **As regards passenger ships and unclassified cargo ships engaged in international trade**, please contact the Danish Maritime Authority to arrange an inspection date, the issue of a DMLC Part I and the approval of the DMLC Part II drawn up by the shipowner. In addition to the shipowner's DMLC Part II, the request should be accompanied by documentation of any exemptions granted in the fields of accommodation and recreational facilities as well as any other documentation in accordance with the guidance provided on the webpage of the Danish Maritime Authority ([Link](#)).

When an individual ship has been subject to a satisfactory inspection, the recognized classification societies and the Danish Maritime Authority can issue it with an international MLC certificate that will be fully valid once the Danish regulations and the MLC enter into force on 20 August 2013.

As regards cargo and passenger ships with a gross tonnage below 500 and ships engaged in domestic trade that are not to be issued with certificates under the MLC, but should instead be subject to inspections at intervals of no more than three years in the areas covered by the MLC, the Danish Maritime Authority will draw up independent information material about the actions to be taken by the shipowners concerned from 20 August 2013.

Should the shipowners have any questions, please contact the Danish Maritime Authority which is responsible for the Danish implementation of the MLC requirements. More detailed information, including an FAQ, is available from the webpage of the Danish Maritime Authority in the section on the MLC ([Link](#)).

Yours sincerely,



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