

The Republic of Palau
Palau International Ship Registry
“The Sea Lane to Prosperity”

MARINE CIRCULAR 12-005- MLC, 2006 ENTRY INTO FORCE AUGUST 2013

To: ALL SHIPOWNERS, MANAGERS, OPERATORS AND MASTERS, DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND REGISTRATION AGENTS

Subject: MLC, 2006 ENTRY INTO FORCE AUGUST 2013

1. Objective

1.1 To inform shipowners, managers, operators, Masters, Deputy Registrars and Recognized Organizations that the provisions and requirements of the MLC, 2006 will enter into force from August 20th 2013, in which certification of compliance with all provisions of the MLC, 2006 shall become mandatory.

2. Applicability

2.1 In accordance with ILO Resolution XVII, governments have been requested to place their concentration initially upon bulk carriers and passenger ships to have them all certified by August 20th 2013. However, the Palau International Ship Registry will require compliance on all applicable vessel types within the Registry as given below:

3. Requirements for all vessels over 500 GRT for which the convention applies

3.1 All vessels for which the convention applies and are over 500 GRT are required to be inspected and certified in accordance with the provisions of MLC, 2006 as of August 20th 2013.

4. DMLC Part I and Part II

4.1 All vessels for which the MLC, 2006 applies, over 500 GRT regardless of the type of vessel are required to have onboard the DMLC Part I and DMLC Part II in accordance with the provisions of the MLC, 2006 Convention and under the requirements of the Palau Flag from August 20th 2013.

- 4.2 Shipowners, managers, and operators are required to contact the Palau International Ship Registry in order to proceed with the application of DMLC Part I. The Recognized Organization duly authorized by the Palau Flag shall do the verification of DMLC Part I and DMLC Part 2 and provide the Palau International Ship Registry with the results of the verification. Inspection of MLC, 2006 should be carried out after verification is completed.
- 4.3 It is noted that a new vessel registered with the Palau Flag which previous flag is a Non Signatory Member of the MLC, 2006 may not been able to provide the DMLC Part II immediately and therefore for these cases, the Palau Flag will allow the vessel to have Interim MLC certificates as allowed by the requirements of the MLC, 2006 Convention. During the Interim period the vessel should present the Palau Flag Administration with the application for DMLC Part I and subsequently the DMLC Part II.

5. Contact

- 5.1 For additional information regarding the MLC, 2006 Implementation and Certification, contact the Palau International Ship Registry Technical Department. PIC: Mrs. Marisabel Arauz Park, email: technical@palaushipregistry.com, phone: +1 281 876-9533.