



## MLC worldwide ratification

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Dear Member;

**It is expected that the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 (MLC) will attain full ratification by the ILO member states in the forthcoming year. KPI would wish to advise Members to prepare themselves in advance for the full implementation of this convention.**

With full implementation of Maritime Labour Convention (called MLC 2006), all merchant vessels and seafarers employed on them shall comply with conventions requirements. Vessel needs to satisfy a survey in order to obtain a certificate called “Maritime Labour Certificate” as well as a document called “Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance”.

Convention contains requirements which affect both hardware (structural issues) and procedures of the company.

In order to ensure vessel’s continuous compliance, a requirement for port state inspection has been included into convention. Any serious breach of requirements will lead to vessel’s detention.

The convention currently has 22 signatories and has already satisfied the gross tonnage criteria for full ratification (more than 33% of the world fleet). But full ratification also requires 30 member nations to approve the convention. Currently eight more signatures are required. According to a press release from the Marshal Islands flag authority this is expected to occur early next year. The convention will be fully enforced **12 months** after the 30th signature is obtained.

KPI advises Members to fully appraise themselves with the MLC convention so that they may take the necessary steps in order to be fully compliant when the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 becomes fully enforced. We recommend members to utilize expertise of a Classification society to perform a gap analysis on sample company vessel to identify the deficiencies early on.

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