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Reference	ILO MLC

Conarina Alert: ILO MLC into force this August

ILO Labour Convention will enter into force on 20 August, 2013

1. How the Convention applies

The Convention applies to all ships other than warships, naval auxiliaries, fishing vessels, vessels of traditional build such as dhows and junks and vessels operating solely in inland or sheltered waters. Ships of 500 GT or over, engaged on international voyages, and ships of 500 GT or over flying the flag of a member state that has ratified the Convention and operating from a port or between ports in another member state must be certified.

The entry into force date for the Convention is not the same for every member state. Entry into force on 20 August, 2013, applies only to the first 30 countries that ratified the Convention. For countries that ratified after 20 August, 2012 or have still to ratify the Convention, the entry into force date will be 12 months after the date of ratification. A list of countries that have ratified the convention is available at www.ilo.org/mlc

The significance of the entry into force date is that Port State Control (PSC) Officers in countries that have ratified the Convention may inspect all ships visiting their ports against the requirements of the MLC, 2006. **All ships to which the Convention applies will be subject to inspection.**

2. What should we do now?

Owners and managers are advised to ensure compliance with MLC requirements even if their flag state has not yet ratified the Convention. Where the flag state has not issued the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) Part I, owners and managers are urged to proceed with preparing the Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) Part II against

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the requirements of MLC, 2006. You can also apply for inspection and issue of a voluntary Statement of Compliance with MLC, 2006.

Conarina is prepared for the implementation of this Convention by training the inspectors' network, MLC procedures, certificates, checklists and reports. To arrange an inspection or certification with Conarina, contact CONARINA Head Office, Miami, FL USA

REFERENCES:

- ILO Maritime Labour Convention

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