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To:	All Surveyors/Auditors
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Subject:	<b>ILO MLC Advantages for Seafarers, Shipowners &amp; Governments</b>
Reference	<b>ILO MLC</b>

### **ILO MLC Advantages**

ILO Convection is the 4th pillar of quality shipping

#### 1. Advantages For Seafarers

- A comprehensive set of basic maritime labour principles and rights as well as ILO fundamental rights
- Convention spells out in one place and clear language seafarers' basic employment rights
- Seafarers better informed of their rights and of remedies available
- Improved enforcement of minimum working and living conditions
- Right to make complaints both on board and ashore
- Clear identification of who is the shipowner with overall responsibility, for the purposes of this Convention

#### 2. Advantages for Shipowners

- A more level playing field to help ensure fair competition and to marginalize substandard operations
- Will benefit from a system of certification, including a certification system possible for ships less than 500 GT, if the Shipowner so requests
- A more socially responsible shipping industry
- A better protected and more efficient workforce
- Help ensure that ships are operated safely and securely with few problems and few delays in ports

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- New Convention contains minimum standards that are well within the current industry practice and should easily be met by most shipowners

### 3. Advantages For Governments

- Simplification of reporting obligations (One Convention rather than many)
- Wider powers of enforcement on all ships
- Improved quality of shipping services
- Improved protection of the environment
- Additional flexibility with firmness of rights and flexible as how to implement, making the Convention easier to ratify and implement
- Certification system mandatory only for ships over 500 GT
- Protection against unfair competition from substandard ships through "No more favorable treatment" for ships of non-ratifying countries
- Implementation of mandatory requirements through measures that are substantially equivalent, except for Part V
- Advantages given to ships of ratifying countries

### **REFERENCES:**

- ILO Maritime Labour Convention

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