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MLC in Action - Vessel Detention in Canada

The International Transport Workers Federation reports that Canada detained a vessel under the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) for lack of **employment contracts**. This is the second MLC detention so far since Maritime Labour Convention entered into force on 20th August 2013.

Crew complaints included:

- unpaid wages,
- collective bargaining agreement' that lacked the vessel name;
- date or a wage scale;
- crew with no money or other items;
- a crew member who had twice been refused access to a doctor etc.

The vessel was detained by the Port State Control of Canada for 1 day and was ground for detention for 11 deficiencies in total as follows:

- 4 deficiencies for seafarers' employment agreement (SEA),
- 2 deficiencies for Wages,
- 1 deficiency for Collective bargaining agreement,
- 1 emergency equipment for 2-way communication,

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- 1for fire doors/openings in fire-resisting divisions and
- 1 for Maritime Labour Certificate.

REFERENCES:

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