

MLC update



Iain Cassell, Syndicate Claims Director

+44 20 3320 8803
iain.cassell@ctplc.com

Maritime Labour Convention

The MLC 2006 came into force on 20 August 2013 and the club has extended club cover to help its members comply with their new obligations under the convention. Club cover now includes additional crew repatriation liabilities and by extending cover in this, the club has enabled members to avoid having to buy a new insurance cover.

The International Group of P&I Clubs has been working with convention flag states to obtain agreement that a ship's normal P&I certificate of entry will be sufficient evidence of the financial security for crew repatriation costs required under the convention. So far, all states that have responded have agreed to accept club certificates of entry and none has refused to do so.

Enforcement of the convention is controlled by flag states, with Port State Control, or other competent authority, checking compliance. At this time, 47 countries representing 76% of the world's gt have ratified the convention, but it is possible that any state may seek to enforce compliance even if their national authority has yet to ratify the convention. Members are required, as part of club cover, to comply with flag states' requirements, but the club also recommends voluntary compliance of MLC even if their flag state has not yet ratified it, to minimise potential problems.

To view up-to-date list, visit our website
www.standard-club.com

