



Consolidated Maritime Labour Convention and new RINA additional class notation ILODESIGN

The International Labour Organisation (ILO) adopted in 2006 a new Convention consolidating more than 60 existing maritime labour instruments. The Convention contains updated requirements relevant to the construction of accommodation and recreation facilities. RINA is offering a voluntary class notation to certify the compliance of ships under construction with the requirements of the new Convention.

The Convention, which is expected to enter into force by 2012 (i.e. one year after at least 30 countries, with a total share of at least 33% of the world gross tonnage, have ratified it), will be applied to all seafarers and all ships, publicly or privately owned, engaged in commercial activities (without difference between international or domestic voyages), other than ships navigating in inland or sheltered waters, ships engaged in fishing operations, war-ships and naval auxiliaries.

Every ship of 500 GT or above, engaged in international voyages, will have to be provided with:

- ❑ a declaration of maritime labour compliance, stating the national requirements to comply with the Convention's requirements for working and living conditions (Part 1) and containing the measures adopted by the ship owner to ensure initial and on going compliance with these requirements (Part 2); and
- ❑ a maritime labour certificate, certifying that the ship and working and living conditions of seafarers on board have been inspected and meet the requirements of national laws or regulations or other measures implementing the Convention.

New ships will have to comply with a number of construction and equipment requirements in Title 3 "Accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering" of the Convention, including:

Insulation	Hospital
Ventilation and heating	Laundry facilities
Lighting	Open space
Sleeping rooms	Office(s)
Mess rooms	Recreation facilities
Sanitary facilities	

These requirements will supersede those in the existing ILO Conventions no. 92 "Accommodation of Crews Convention" and no. 133 "Accommodation of Crews (Supplementary Provisions)".

Upon request, RINA has an additional class notation, named ILODESIGN, in order to certify that ships under construction meet the requirements of this part of the Convention even before its entry into force. It requires a few plans to be submitted for approval regarding general arrangement and dimensions of rooms and other accommodation spaces, heating, ventilation, sanitary facilities, lighting and hospital accommodation.