

# Effective implementation of the MLC, 2006

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# Flag State challenges when implementing the MLC

- Clear and practical national legislation
  - Takes time to map out what is needed
  - Definitions?
  - Substantial equivalencies?
  - Exemptions?
- Efficient enforcement



# Flag State solutions for implementation of the MLC

- The ISM Code and Safety Management System
- Clear definitions of ambiguous terms in the MLC
- Building on existing legislation
- Involving the maritime industry
- Clear guidance for inspections
- Communicating national MLC legislation



## The two main Acts implementing the MLC

- The Ship Safety and Security Act
  - Minimum age, medical certificate, training and qualifications
  - Hours of work and rest
  - Manning levels
  - Accommodation, recreational facilities, food and catering
  - Medical care, health and safety protection and accident prevention
  - Compliance and enforcement
- The Ship Labour Act
  - The shipowner's use of recruitment and placement services
  - SEA
  - Wages
  - Repatriation
  - Seafarer compensation for the ship's loss or foundering
  - Compliance and enforcement



## Experience with RO delegation

- ABS, BV, DNV GL AS, LR, RINA and ClassNK have the authority to carry out MLC inspections and issue DMLCs and Maritime Labour Certificates to Norwegian classed ships
- The RO chosen to issue the SMC for the ship shall also carry out the MLC inspection, issue the DMLC and the Maritime Labour Certificate
- Time and resources
- Efficient enforcement and uniform practice