

## **E-2: C 137 CONVENTION CONCERNING THE SOCIAL REPERCUSSIONS OF NEW METHODS OF CARGO HANDLING IN DOCKS**

**Name of the convention:** C 137 Convention concerning the Social Repercussions of New Methods of cargo Handling in Docks

**Acronym or short name:** Dock work

**International organisation in charge of it:** International Labour Organization (ILO)

**Summary description (in plain language):** This convention deals with the important changes in cargo handling methods in docks (unit loads, the roll on and roll off techniques, mechanisation and automation) which involve repercussions on the level of employment in ports).

This convention applies to persons who are regularly available for work as dockworkers and who depend on their work as such for their main annual income (art.1).

This convention gives a definition of dockwork and dockworkers (art.1 al.2).

This convention ensure the minimum standard for the condition of work and life of dockworkers.

This convention aims to ensure appropriate safety, health, welfare and training to dockworkers (art.6)

**Date of first approval:** 25 june1973

**Date of coming into force:** 24 july 1975

**Dates of revision:** no

**Reasons of revisions:** no

**Applicability (situation of ratification):** This convention shall come into force 12 months after the date on which the ratifications of 2 members have been registered with the Director General. This convention shall come into force for any member 12 months after the date on which its ratification has been registered (art.9).

**Stakes for ports:** This convention creates a framework for the conditions of life and work of dockworkers:

- Concerning the employment of dockworkers, it is the national policy who is responsible for (art.2).

- Dockworkers are registered on a register which is established according to national law and is frequently reviewed in order to adapt to the needs of ports (art.4).

**Links with other conventions:** [ILO Convention n° 152](#)

**Key-words:** Dockworkers, cargo handling, conditions of life and work of dockworkers

**Internet hyperlink with other website:**

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