

## **E-4: C 163 CONVENTION CONCERNING SEAFARER'S WELFARE AT SEA AND IN PORTS**

**Name of the convention:** C 163 Convention concerning Seafarers' Welfare at Sea and in Ports

**Acronym or short name:** Seafarers' Welfare

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

**Summary description (in plain language):** Coastal States authorities (including ports) have to provide welfare facilities and services for seafarers:

This convention obliges the States which ratifies it to ensure that all welfare facilities and services are provided in appropriate port of the country for all seafarers irrespective of nationality, race, sex, religion, political opinion (art.3 al.1).

This convention applies to commercial maritime fishing, seagoing ships, whether publicly or privately owned other than a ship of war.

Welfare facilities and services are provided for seafarers both in port and on board ship (art.2 al.1).

Welfare facilities and services are reviewed frequently in order to adapt themselves to the developments of shipping industry (art.5).

This convention implements a close co-operation between members engaged in welfare of seafarers.

**Date of first approval:** 8 october 1987

**Date of coming into force:** 3 october 1990

**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 ratification of 2 members have been registered. Therefore, this convention

shall come into force for any member 12 months after the date on which its ratification have been registered ([art.7,8](#)).

**Stakes for ports:** This convention does not apply to all ports. “Ports which are regarded as appropriate” for providing welfare facilities and services shall be determined by members of the convention after the consultation with the representative organizations of shipowners and seafarers ([art.3 al.2](#)).

**Links with other conventions:** [STCW 1978](#); [ILO Convention n°152](#); [Seamen's welfare in Ports Recommendation,1936](#); [Seafarers' welfare Recommendation, 1970](#).

**Key-words:** welfare facilities and services, safety, health

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